OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY BAGHDAD, IRAQ

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER OF COALITION FORCES

SUBJECT: Foreign Missions

With the return of diplomatic personnel to Iraq, it is appropriate to review the obligations and authorities of Coalition Forces pertaining to diplomatic premises and personnel.

- Insofar as the current security environment permits, Coalition Forces are requested to pay special attention to the protection of diplomatic premises, in keeping with their general obligation to restore and ensure public order and safety.
- Coalition Forces may enter diplomatic premises: (1) with the consent of an appropriate official of the foreign government involved; or (2) without consent, under extraordinary circumstances when necessary to restore law and order or for other security reasons. Attached is a list of former and current diplomatic premises. Commanders are requested to notify the Administrator of the CPA in advance of an intention to enter such premises, or immediately thereafter in the case of exigent circumstances.
- Diplomats now in Iraq have no absolute right to diplomatic privileges and immunities. Because of the sensitivities of detaining, arresting or expelling members of the diplomatic community, however, request that local commanders notify the CPA Administrator prior to any such action, or immediately thereafter in the case of truly exigent circumstances.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be issuing a memorandum to foreign government offices, advising them they do not currently have an entitlement to diplomatic privileges and immunities here, and that the Coalition cannot guarantee the safety or security of foreign government facilities or personnel.

L. Paul Bremer, Administrator Coalition Provisional Authority