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Points for Response to the Allawi Letter

- I share your desire to accelerate the development of the Iraqi Security Forces, and welcome your ideas on how to do it.
- We have already made a great deal of progress – a lot more than is often recognized – and I congratulate you on your role in these accomplishments, as you have been part of the emergence of a new Iraq from its inception.
- Together we have taken a number of important steps, many of them in response to your previous suggestions and after your full consultation with General Casey we have:
 - Included a mechanized division and supporting units in the plan for the Iraqi Army.
 - The first mechanized battalion of this force will be operationally ready next week.
 - Set up a national system of joint operations centers.
 - Stood up the Iraqi Intervention Forces (IIF).
 - Trained counterterrorism cadre for the Iraqi police.
 - Provided expanded leadership training for the Iraqi security forces, inside Iraq and abroad.
 - Almost completed the process of getting three C-130's transferred to Iraq.
 - Established an additional mechanized battalion of the ING that will be fully operational around mid-January.
 - Encouraged NATO involvement in the training of Iraqi forces.
- I agree that the situation in Mosul is of special concern. In response, together we have:
 - Stood up an Operational Joint Command Center; and
 - Committed additional Iraqi and US forces to the Mosul security mission.

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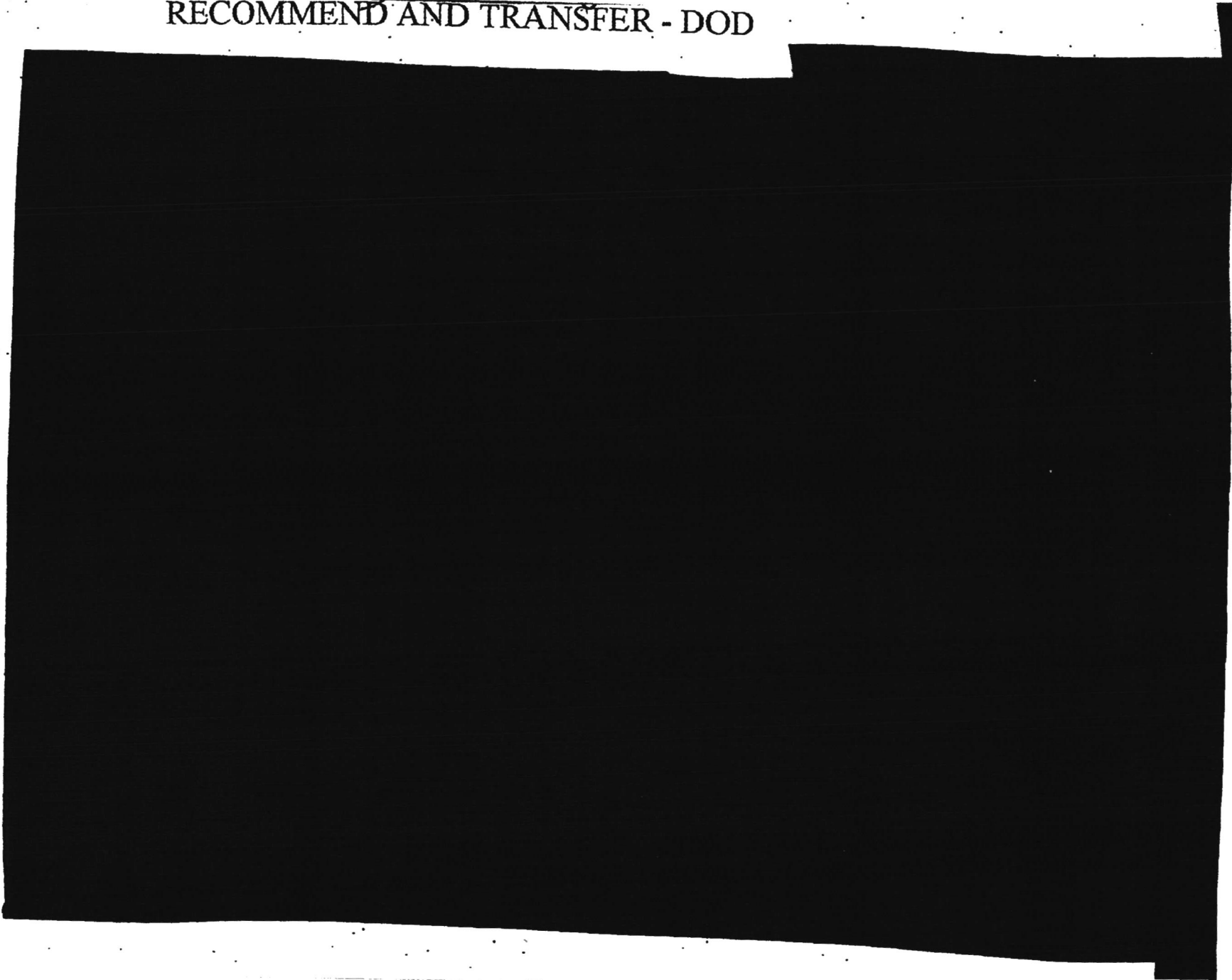
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- In addition, I would encourage greater IIG participation in Mosul operations, to include visits by senior leadership with ties to the Mosul-region and Sunni leadership.
- Even though we have done a lot, I agree with you that there is ~~much~~ more we can and should do. And I welcome your recommendations about further accelerating the development of Iraqi forces. DoD
(Sec Def
Civils)
- To look at these ^{Embassy Baghdad} and other possibilities, an assessment team will be traveling to Iraq next week, as General Abizaid just briefed you. (Note: General Myers thinks that General Casey briefed and not Abizaid. We are confirming). The team will recommend initiatives that both our governments could take to build larger and stronger and more capable Iraqi security forces. ↑ State
- Once the assessment team has reported and its findings have been discussed between your government and Ambassador Negroponte and General Casey, I can assure you of my support in implementing Secretary Rumsfeld's ← DoD
(Sec Def) recommendations.
- Even before we have the assessment team's report, I would encourage your government to take all possible steps to improve the performance of the existing forces, especially in the areas of motivation and military unit leadership. ← D
- Finding additional resources is principally an Iraqi responsibility and we'll help where we can, but together we need to elicit assistance from our Arab friends as well.
- Programmatic changes, however, have to be complemented by the leadership that only you and your colleagues in government can provide to the members of the Iraqi security forces and to the Iraqi people at large. Their faith in the ultimate success of the new Iraq is the greatest source of strength we have.

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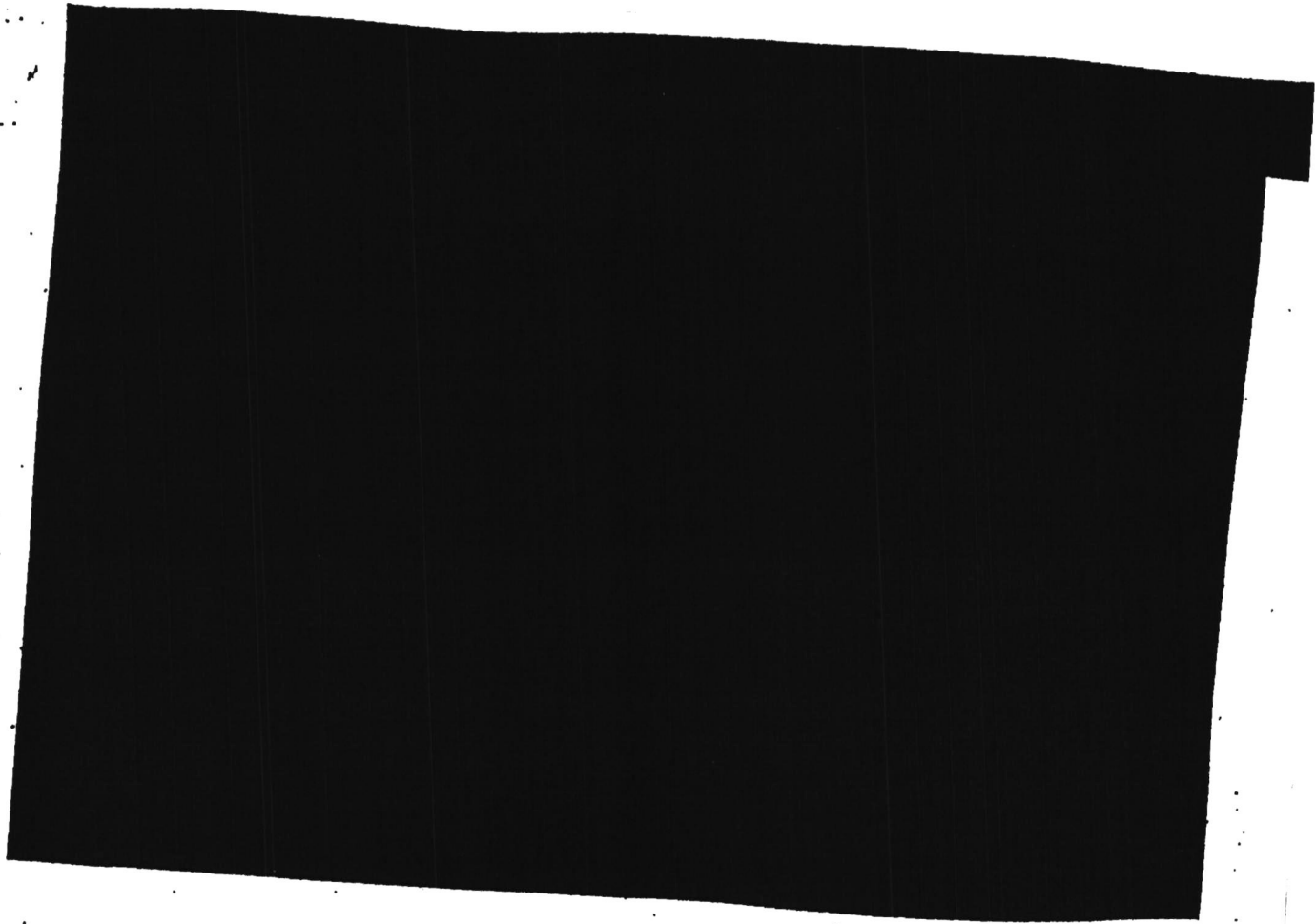
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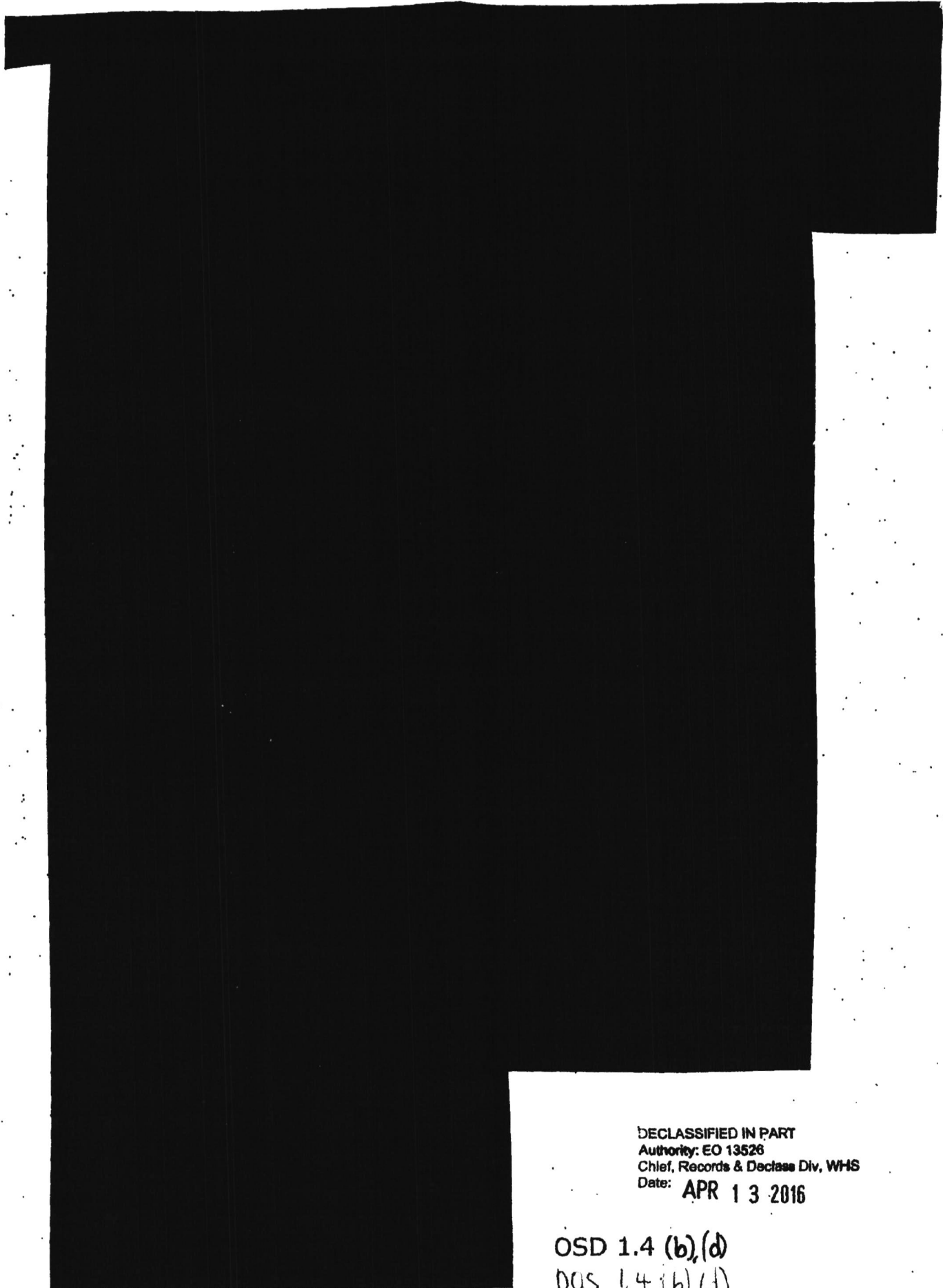
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