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John,

I have been told by several prominent Iraqis, as well as by one of Bernie Kerik's police advisors, that the town of Anah (northwest from Hadithah) is widely known as a hotbed for FRL forces that are targeting the coalition throughout the country.

Also, I have seen disturbing emails claiming former Baathists in that town are showing up at people's homes under the guise of asking for forgiveness for past offenses - a not-so-subtle form of intimidation. These emails - from the brother of a person living in Anah - suggest the town is being run by the old crowd, who ingratiate themselves with the US forces by day, while intimidating those who might otherwise cooperate with the coalition by night. This has a chilling effect on residents who are sympathetic to the coalition and raises questions about our ability to distinguish friend from foe.

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*[REDACTED]* told me that during the reign of Saddam many top regime figures came from this one small town. In the Foreign Ministry, where he worked for the last few months, there was an extraordinary number of people from Anah and Haditha. He believes that same pattern would have been found in the I.I.S. Bernie Kerik's advisor said that a lot of plotting occurs there because it is a remote area and secure for FRL's. Like the Mafia, it is very insular because all of the families are connected.

I wonder if Anah might be a candidate for a focused effort to rout out the FRL? There might be an opportunity both to clean up a lot of FRL's and perhaps also to install new leadership so that this town would no longer serve as a sanctuary.

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