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"I am deeply disturbed by the reported details of the status of forces agreement. Our men and women in uniform who are putting their lives on the line in Iraq should be protected and I am concerned this new agreement, by subjecting them to an immature Iraqi legal system in the midst of a conflict, will not do that. I call on the Bush administration to make the details of any new agreement available to Congress and the American people as soon as possible.

"While a status of forces agreement is vital to provide legal protections for our troops in the short term, I also remain deeply committed to responsibly redeploying our troops from Iraq as soon as possible."

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