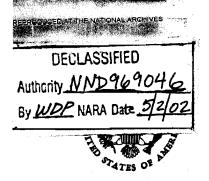
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HAS REQUESTED DETAILS).

5. AT THAT TIME, I BELIEVE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HAVE SOME WORD ON OFFICIAL US RESPONSE TO IRAGI REQUEST.

6* FYI, YOU OUGHT TO KNOW THAT IRAGIS HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO EXPROPRIATE IPC CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WHICH IS LOCATED IN SAME AREA, (END TRANSLATION)

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