

returned from there again. His enlistment ends in less than a year, but he fully expects to go back to Iraq before that year is up and to serve another full year in Iraq under stop loss.

In addition to gaining extensive combat experience, this soldier finished two years of college while in the Army. He is exactly the type of soldier essential to the service's future: self-motivated, experienced and mature, the qualities the Army cultivates in junior leaders. Unfortunately, he told me that he'll leave the Army as soon as he can -- not from bitterness, but because he's weary of combat and saddened at the loss of friends.

The departure of soldiers like this is another serious threat to the Army's combat capabilities. It is the Army's junior leaders -- the squad leaders, platoon sergeants and company commanders -- who lead the close combat fights that decide battles and wars and, as I saw in Vietnam, whom the soldiers trust under fire. If this soldier's intention to leave the Army is part of a developing trend, then the military's problems could get even worse. Just such a situation developed after Vietnam, as disillusioned junior leaders left the service in droves, and years passed before the Army was able to rebuild itself.

If the Army's recruiting numbers continue to fall, the cascading effect will undermine combat capability in months, not years. But reversing this trend will be very difficult, and it seems highly unlikely over the next months or even year or two, until Iraqi security forces are in a position to take over the defense of their country from U.S. troops. But it's a mistake to solve this difficult short-term problem by adopting policies that could hurt the military for several decades.

Some small steps can be taken. The war in Iraq has placed the Army and the Marines in the cauldron of intense combat, while the Navy and the Air Force are essentially at peace. A decision to shift Navy and Air Force resources to the Army and Marines could improve the latter services' ability to attract recruits, especially if our leadership launched a national campaign calling on all Americans to join in the war on terrorism. The military's best hope is to convince America's youth and their parents that Army service is still a positive option.

A strong Army fighting force is essential not only to America's worldwide interests, but indeed to our survival as a nation and the life we enjoy today. But if the decline in our Army's strength continues, make no mistake, we could readily lose that way of life.

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Commentary

**Too few good men // Prolonged Iraq war might explain Army and Marines falling short of recruiting goals**

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Retired Army Lt. Col. Charles Krohn recently told columnist Robert Novak that "Army recruiting is in a death spiral, through no fault of the Army." It might not be that desperate, but the recruiting problem is serious.

We're inclined to agree with Lt. Col. Krohn, who is also a former Pentagon civilian public-affairs official, that "the recruiting problem is an unintended consequence of a prolonged war in Iraq, especially given the failure to find WMD."

The Army missed its April recruiting goal for the third straight month, and is 10 percent behind its year-to-date target. The proud U.S. Marines, who usually are able to recruit enough "few good men" when other services are having trouble, missed its recruiting goals in April also -- for the fourth straight month, although they are only 2 percent behind their year-to-date totals.

The Navy and Air Force are meeting their recruiting goals for the year.

There are other problems. Pentagon figures indicate that 5,133 troops are missing -- absent without leave, or AWOL, including 37 recruiters who have simply given up. Some critics say the actual figures are higher than the official figures.

A recent news story noted that last year Army lieutenants and captains left the service at an annual rate of 8.7 percent, the highest since 2001. An unknown number of young officers who had planned to make a career of the military are planning to leave when their enlistments are up.

The Army, faced with recruiting scandals -- recruiters hiding recruits' criminal records and psychiatric disorders or offering unauthorized benefits to make quotas -- took the extraordinary step of calling a 24-hour stand-down in recruiting to review proper procedures and retrain recruiters. Lt. Col. Krohn thinks that amounts to making the recruiters scapegoats for a larger problem well beyond their control.

Some people believe one solution could be reinstating a draft, but that seems politically unlikely. Almost all the top military people we've talked to recently say the military is pleased with the all-volunteer military, which is in general more professional and more motivated than the old conscript army. They believe that it could take years to gear up for a draft, the training would be difficult, and conscription would bring back problems the military is glad not to be dealing with these days.

One of the few members of Congress talking openly about a draft, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., is candid about his motive. He believes it would be politically impossible for a president to take a conscript army into wars like Iraq.

We disagree. Presidents took conscript armies into Korea and Vietnam, where (whatever one thinks about the wisdom of the two wars) the casualty rates were higher than in the Iraq war.

We believe an all-volunteer military serves as a healthy check on foreign policy that some Americans deem unwise. When a war seems unwise or is going badly, people are able to "vote with their feet" not to participate, and although things may change, they appear to be doing so in increasing numbers.

Although few will say so publicly, many military leaders, who know that it is those under their command who do the dying when civilian leaders have unrealistic global ambitions, prefer a volunteer military for just this reason.

Lt. Col. Krohn is calling for a "national consensus to address the root causes" of the recruiting problem: the war in Iraq. We think it's time for that national discussion.

**THE FOCUS AT THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ON DESPERATE RECRUITERS**

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Robert Novak  
May 26, 2005  
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Retired Army Lt. Col. Charles Krohn got himself in trouble with his superiors as a Pentagon civilian public affairs official during the first 3 1/2 years of the Bush administration by telling the truth. He is still at it in private life. He says not to blame the military recruiters for the current recruiting "scandal." Blame the war."

Army recruiting is in a death spiral, through no fault of the Army," Krohn told me. Always defending uniformed personnel, he resents hard-pressed recruiters being attacked for offering unauthorized benefits to make quotas. In a recent e-mail sent to friends (mostly retired military), Krohn complained that the "Army is having to compensate for a problem of national scope." The Army's dilemma is maintaining an all-volunteer service when volunteering means going in harm's way in Iraq. The dilemma extends to national policy. How can the United States maintain its global credibility against the Islamists, if military ranks cannot be filled by volunteers and there is no public will for a draft?

Krohn's e-mail describes the problem: "Consider the implications of being unable to find sufficient volunteers, as seen by our adversaries. Has the United States lost its will to survive? What's happened to the Great Satan when so few are willing to fight to defend the country? Surely bin Laden et al are making this argument, telling supporters victory is just around the corner if they are a bit more patient. And if they're successful, the energy sources in the Mideast may be within their grasp."

Krohn says this reality is accepted by recipients of his message. It also meets agreement from active-duty officers I have contacted but who cannot speak publicly. They ponder how an all-volunteer force can be maintained when generals say there is no end in sight for U.S. troops facing an increasingly sophisticated insurgency.

Krohn's message goes on to say "the recruiting problem is an unintended consequence of a prolonged war in Iraq, especially given the failure to find WMD." He therefore calls for a "national consensus to address the root causes" of the recruiting problem -- that is, the war in Iraq.

But the focus at the Defense Department has been on the excesses of desperate recruiters, 37 of whom reflected their frustration in trying to meet quotas by going AWOL over the last 21/2 years. The official response was a 24-hour stand-down in recruiting to review proper procedures. It also has been proposed that enlistments, now usually three to four years with a minimum of 24 months, be cut to 15 months.

The recruiting guru Charles Moskos, professor emeritus at Northwestern University who once suggested an 18-month tour, now says shorter enlistments will not help. He proposes restoring the draft, but that is a political non-starter. Democratic Rep. Charles Rangel, who as a drafted soldier won the Bronze Star in Korea, is one of the very few members of Congress who advocate the draft. He does not hide his motive: A president would be politically unable to take a conscript army into wars such as Iraq.

In contrast, Krohn is a lifelong Republican who actively supported George W. Bush's presidential candidacy in 2000. He specified in his e-mail that "I'm not now blaming" President Bush or Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld for the situation. "We have a problem that transcends politics," Krohn added.

The current Iraq war is America's first prolonged conflict fought entirely with volunteers. It is a more professional and in every way a better army than the conscript army of Korean War vintage in which I served, or the conscript army that fought in Vietnam for seven years. The problem was signaled when the 9/11 attack on America did not generate the enlistments expected. Three and one-half years later, willingness to face personal peril in Iraq has faded.

That means the problem goes beyond mechanics of recruiting and the details of volunteer service and is found in the war itself. Paraphrasing Rumsfeld's comment about going into battle with the Army we had, Charles Krohn said: "The war we have now is not the war we started off with. It's much more serious."

## **THE ARMY'S RECRUITING TROUBLE**

Editorial

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350 words

The Army is calling it a "values stand-down." On May 20, recruiters will put aside their routine work to refresh themselves with the laws and Army rules on the ethical way to attract recruits. The move is a response to a spike in abuses by recruiters and comes as the Army continues to struggle to maintain its all-volunteer fighting force during wartime.

This is not just a public relations problem. The Army has been hammered by recent reports that recruiters lied, cheated and looked the other way to enlist unfit applicants. Recruiters reportedly helped applicants falsify records, hid criminal and medical histories and advised potential recruits on how to beat drug and aptitude tests. The New York Times, which chronicled abuses across several states this month, noted the cheating had increased and recruiters had become less likely to face severe punishment. Army statistics, the Times found, showed that substantiated cases of improprieties rose to 320 last year from 199 in 1999, an increase of more than 60 percent. Nearly one in five of all 7,500 Army recruiters were investigated last year.

Recruiters have a difficult job, made harder by the prospect that recruits will be deployed to fight in Afghanistan and Iraq. The Bush administration hasn't made their job any easier, sending troops to the war zone with inadequate armor and no timetable for returning home. The Army missed its April recruiting goals and is under the target for meeting its enlistments for the year. According to the Times, the stress of not meeting goals or acceding to a superior's order to fudge applications is causing some recruiters career and personal problems.

Aside from the dishonesty, placing an unfit recruit in the ranks could endanger other soldiers. The recruiters' stand-down next week needs to be more than damage control. The Army needs to emphasize a zero-tolerance policy for recruiters who mislead young men and women or enlist people unqualified for military duty. The troops already serving need to have confidence in the new recruits joining their ranks in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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## RECRUITMENT MET WITH DISINTEREST

HELEN THOMAS Syndicated columnist

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### WASHINGTON

Disillusionment with the Vietnam War gave currency to the quip: "Someday they are going to give a war and nobody is going to come."

Forty years later, U.S. Army and National Guard recruiters are finding some truth to that jibe as they scramble to fulfill their recruitment quotas.

Fear of deployment to Iraq is a big reason cited by young people who aren't interested in enlisting.

Lt. Col. Joe Richard, a Defense Department spokesman, also attributed the drop in Army recruiting to the improving domestic job picture.

Army recruiters - now numbering 6,000 across the country - are making their enlistment pitch to reluctant parents to encourage their sons and daughters to sign up. Richard said the recruiter tells both the parents and their child "what it means to be a soldier" and to "do your duty for your country."

At the same time, the recruiting officer pulls no punches, he said, and will go out of his way to explain the dangers involved and the sacrifices required by military life.

"It's a critical decision in time of war," said Richard.

Many parents are just saying "no thanks," apparently attuned to President Bush's ever-changing rationale for the war and to the risks and rising casualty toll.

Young people were jumping enthusiastically on the anti-terrorist bandwagon when Bush claimed that the brutal Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction that threatened the United States.

When that pretext for war was unmasked, the president tried to justify the U.S. invasion and occupation of the oil-rich Gulf state as a means of spreading democracy throughout the Arab world.

There are now some 150,000 U.S. troops patrolling Iraq, with no timetable set for their return home. There is speculation that some will be withdrawn in September.

Army Secretary Francis Harvey plans to launch a national grass-roots campaign to drum up enlistments in the heartland, using luncheon speeches by military and community leaders at Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.

He predicted a drop in enlistees in the all-volunteer Army for March and April. The Army was 1,900 short of its goal in February. The quota for this year is 80,000 enlistments.

Harvey told reporters Wednesday that he is concerned - but not giving up. He said he was optimistic that the Army - which has always met its enlistment goals since 1990 - will still achieve its annual goal by the end of September, which is the end of the government's fiscal year.

But he said he doubted that the National Guard - which has been in a slump - would meet its requirements. The National Guard hoped to recruit 63,000 new members this year.

The Marine Corps also is finding the environment challenging and has reportedly failed to meet goals for January and February by some 6.5 percent.

Richard predicted that the Marines would meet their quota.

Pentagon officials are trying to sweeten the pot with lump-sum bonuses and college funds up to a maximum of \$70,000 to encourage sign ups.

Black youths - a mainstay in the Army in Vietnam - look like they're sitting this one out. Edward Dorn, former undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, was quoted in The Washington Post as saying that whites were strong backers of the Iraqi invasion but that black Americans were not.

There are indications that women also are more hesitant today to join one of the military services than they were in the early days of the Iraq war.

All of which leads to the question of whether a draft is in the picture if manpower shortfalls continue in the military services. Pentagon officials say they are not contemplating a national change of heart on that score.

Harvey said: "The D-word is the farthest thing from my thoughts."

Compulsory military service is politically unpalatable - and more so in an unpopular war. Although the administration has done a masterful job of shielding the public from photos of the coffins of the dead flown into the Dover, Del., military mortuary, the reality of war is getting through.

If the Army continues to be all-volunteer and enlistments keep falling, the good side of the equation is that it could force Bush and his saber-rattling strategists to slow down before launching another pre-emptive foreign adventure.

Bush may then try something new - like peacemaking.

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Editorial  
**Rebuilding the Army**  
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A DAY AFTER President Bush bluntly ruled out an "artificial timetable" for withdrawal from Iraq, the Pentagon delivered a sobering follow-up: While the 15,000 additional U.S. troops deployed for last Sunday's elections will be withdrawn, the 17 remaining brigades -- 135,000 soldiers and Marines -- will be needed in Iraq at least through the end of this year. That estimate is understandable, given the continuing strength of the Sunni insurgency and the troubles in preparing Iraqi security forces. In fact, even the post-election reduction seems questionable, given that vital infrastructure and roads in Iraq, and even the highway from downtown Baghdad to the airport, remain insecure. Yet the alarming truth may be that the administration has little choice but to draw down troops: As it is, the present deployment in Iraq is on the verge of breaking an undermanned Army.

On Wednesday, senior military officials gave the latest in a series of alarming reports about the strain on the Army and Marines from two years of fighting simultaneous wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Carrying out a fourth rotation of troops into Iraq in the fall will be "painful," Gen. Richard A. Cody testified before the House Armed Services Committee; he suggested that it might necessitate breaking a rule that limits reservists to 24 months of active duty. Congressional pressure obliged the Pentagon to quickly prick that trial balloon, but the troops will have to come from somewhere. By the time the fall mobilization takes place, all 15 of the National Guard's most deployable brigades will have been mobilized, and some regular units may have to return next year for a third combat tour. Some are risking their lives involuntarily: "Stop-loss" orders for soldiers completing their service and the recall of some already discharged have created a backdoor draft.

Predictably, it is getting harder and harder for the Army and Marines to recruit young men and women willing to bear such hardships. The Marines missed their recruiting goal in January for the first time in a decade, and all of the reserve corps except the Marines missed their recruiting goals in the first quarter of this fiscal year. The National Guard signed up barely half of the recruits it aimed for in January; its commander warned in December that unless it received \$20 billion in new weapons and equipment, the force "will be broken." For several years policy experts and congressmen from both parties have been warning Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld that the size of the Army must be increased to meet the challenges of the war against terrorism, notwithstanding his pet doctrine -- developed before Sept. 11, 2001 -- of a smaller, lighter force. Now, thanks to Mr. Rumsfeld's stubborn refusal to listen, a crisis is at hand.

The Pentagon may finally be conceding some ground: Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday that a temporary increase of 30,000 troops in the Army would be made permanent in the 2007 budget and that a quadrennial review of Pentagon doctrine getting underway would reconsider the size of the force. That's a step in the right direction, but more urgent action is needed. Last month a bipartisan group of former senior defense and security officials and policy experts delivered a letter to Congress recommending an increase in the active-duty Army and Marines together of at least 25,000 troops each year over the next several years. If such a buildup does not appear in the administration's budget for next year, Congress should require it -- before the damage to the armed forces grows any worse.

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2006 1:00 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Sgt OSD PA  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** FW: Conference call tomorrow

(b)(6) please call me tomorrow on my cell and remind me of this call. please call me about 1045 - 1050.  
thanks.

**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2006 12:51 PM  
**Subject:** Conference call tomorrow



**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Retired Military Analysts  
**From:** (b)(6)  
Public Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense  
**Date:** October 5, 2006  
**Re:** Conference Call with Senior DoD Officials

We invite you to participate in a conference call, **FRIDAY, October 6, 2006, from 11:00-11:30.**

Dr. Curtis Gilroy, Director of Accession Policy for the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness will update you on FY06 recruiting numbers. This call will be On Background.

To participate in this conference call, you must agree to **EMBARGO** the information you receive until the start of the press briefing on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2006, at 11:15.**

To join the call, please dial (b)(2) and ask the operator to connect you to the Analysts conference call.

Please R.S.V.P. to (b)(6) at (b)(6) or call her at (b)(2)

We hope you are able to participate.

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 wheelarc (b)(6) twilkerson (b)(6) mgroot (b)(6)  
 groothouse (b)(6)

**Subject:** Today's RCP

If only the Republicans could campaign as if they were a political party. They don't deserve to win, but we don't deserve what'll happen if they lose.

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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2006 7:58 PM  
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
Subject: Fw: The Dems' Anxiety Closet - Today's TAS

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groothusen (b)(6)  
Sent: Mon Oct 02 09:00:43 2006  
Subject: The Dems' Anxiety Closet - Today's TAS

This would be very funny were it not so true. Best, Jed.

The American Spectator <[http://www.spectator.org/dsp\\_article.asp?art\\_id=10428](http://www.spectator.org/dsp_article.asp?art_id=10428)>

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2006 5:42 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: nobodyD4UFDaQP3ye7LQ@ (b)(6)

We know sada well. Dan senor could give good info. Know about the book. He does claim there were wmd.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6)  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thu Sep 28 17:25:34 2006  
**Subject:** FW: nobodyD4UFDaQP3ye7LQ@ (b)(6)

Is this true?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** nobodyD4UFDaQP3ye7LQ@ (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 27, 2006 5:07 PM  
**Subject:** nobodyD4UFDaQP3ye7LQ@ (b)(6)

**NAME:** amy

**LOCATION:** AZ

**QUESTION:**

Mr Carpenter The Iraqi General George Sada, who served in Saddam Hussein's military, has written a book, and made statements that support the White House's claims that WMD did exist, and were transported out of the country.

Why doesn't the White House address this? Wouldn't this bolster support for our efforts?

Thank you.

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**From:** Merritt, Roxie, AFIS-HQ  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2006 2:00 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CTR, AFIS-HQ/AFRTS; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA; (b)(6) Maj/Pentagon Channel; (b)(6) CTR, AFIS-HQ  
**Subject:** FW: NATO Announces Expansion of ISAF Control in Afghanistan

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Would like to get this heads up to your military analysts and our radio talk show folks. Below is the actual link to the news alert and I've also pasted in the copy. This is a big deal. ISAF is taking over control of operations in Afghanistan. NATO is doing a press conference later today. Please include the following facts/talking points when you send this out.

- The U.S. and its Coalition partners have made significant progress. NATO/ISAF will build on that progress. The NATO/ISAF transition means greater presence and capability.
- The US has a long-term commitment to Afghanistan.
- The U.S. will remain the largest troop contributor to the overall security mission in Afghanistan.
- This will be a seamless transition.
- NATO troops have been operating in the southern provinces for some time so. ISAF will build on the good work of the Coalition and will continue to coordinate international efforts with the government to bring in additional development and reconstruction efforts.

<http://www.defenselink.mil/News/NewsArticle.aspx?ID=1288&41288=20060928>

**NATO Announces Expansion of ISAF Control in Afghanistan**

By John D. Banusiewicz  
American Forces Press Service

PORTOROZ, Slovenia, Sept. 28, 2006 - NATO defense ministers meeting in Portoroz, Slovenia, have approved the expansion of responsibility for the alliance's International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan to include the eastern portion of the country. ISAF already exercises operational control in the country's other three regions.

James Appathurai, NATO spokesman, said the transfer of authority from the coalition to ISAF would take place in the coming weeks.

NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer is expected to provide further details at a news conference later today.

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2006 1:32 PM  
**To:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: surrogate

No one ever responded. This is my "shocked" face

Dallas B. Lawrence  
Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison United States Department of Defense

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2006 5:47 PM  
**To:** Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; (b)(6) OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** Fw: surrogate

I think dallas has a great idea here. Very unconventional but will make an impact.

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**To:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tue Sep 26 15:07:24 2006  
**Subject:** surrogate

What do you think about pitching to the team having don Sheppard and Tom McInerny embed for secdef trip to middle east in october? Maybe just do the two and keep the footprint small? We could build in time at each stop to peel them off and do interviews with their network. 2 hits a day for each. Would be a first but might be of interest to try something new.

Dallas B. Lawrence

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groothouse (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Election Approaching: Today's RCP

Ladies and Gents: The silly season is upon us, but no one is laughing. And the Repubs seem lackadaisical. I can't figure why they don't campaign against the media. Methinks there's a testosterone shortage in the party.

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McInerney has traveled w/us b4 - china, mongolia, korea trip.

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**To:** (b)(6) OSD PA; Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA; Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA;  
Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tue Sep 26 18:20:23 2006  
**Subject:** Re: surrogate

Wayne is great. Just as an fyi, Wayne is not entirely on board and his 4 star rank adds some drama to trips. He also just went over two weeks ago. he is hoping to go back in january. We could also work him into the secdef xmas trip if folks wanted. I might suggest for the first time doing this, we keep the footprint very small. Not only for secdef trip planners but for the folks in iraq who will have to find things to do for the group when secdef is in closed door meetings.

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**CC:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tue Sep 26 18:15:09 2006  
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Is a good idea. Sheppard is CNN, McInerney is Fox, I believe. How about offer to wayne downing, to add nbc/msnbc -- he's been helpful.

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**Sent:** Tue Sep 26 16:07:24 2006  
**Subject:** surrogate

What do you think about pitching to the team having don Sheppard and Tom McInerney embed for secdef trip to middle east in october? Maybe just do the two and keep the footprint small? We could build in time at each stop to peel them off and do interviews with their network. 2 hits a day for each. Would be a first but might be of interest to try something new.

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Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

United States Department of Defense

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From: Paul Valley [valley@(b)(6)]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 9:45 AM  
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
Subject: RE: HUGO CHAVEZ and Assassination

Dallas: Thank you for asking. I am cleared to travel now so let me know when the trips are and I will be happy to join. Hope you are well.

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-----Original Message-----  
From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA [mailto:Dallas.Lawrence@(b)(6)]  
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 9:07 PM  
To: valley@(b)(6)  
Subject: Re: HUGO CHAVEZ and Assassination

General,

So glad to hear you are back on your feet! I didn't want to burden you with invites for Iraq or gitmo or afghanistan until you were feeling better.

If you're up for it sir I'd like to include you in our next trip.

All the best general.

Vr

Dallas lawrence.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Paul Valley  
To: 'Gordon Cucullu'; WSSInter@(b)(6); brian.kilmeade@(b)(6);  
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Peter.Brookes@b(6)  
Sent: Mon Sep 25 21:57:01 2006  
Subject: RE: HUGO CHAVEZ and Assassination

More to add to the 'Bleeding the Dragon' Project that I will expose to some degree next week on Fox.....

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From: Gordon Cucullu [mailto:gordona(b)(6)]  
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Mary.Ragsdale(b)(6); michael.skrzenski(b)(6); rob.monaco(b)(6);  
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sean.mcgrane(b)(6); Andrew.Napolitano(b)(6); (b)(6); ml  
(b)(6); ginni.thomas(b)(6); Peter.Brookes(b)(6)  
Subject: Re: HUGO CHAVEZ and Assassination

Wayne, you're right on target. I hope you weren't too terrified when Alan Colmes tried to attack you. He's pretty scary.

Seriously I've been writing about Chavez and the ties to N Korea/Iran for more than a year. The stuff is coming out all over the place now. The N Koreans have an office only a few blocks distant from Miraflores palace and we know they're not in Caracas to sell kim chee and dried squid. The Iranians aren't trying to expand their pistachio markets.

Chavez in on a buying spree: MiG 29s, 100,000 sets of AK-47s and an entire production facility, other armaments. Can intermediate and long-range missiles (such as the Nodong and Taepodong class) be far behind?

The Iranians are eager to usher in the 12th Iman by bringing on the apocalypse. Yes, it sounds goofy but so did the 'final solution to the Jewish problem.' As Wayne alludes, this really is closer to WWII than anything we've faced previously.

Picture a megalomaniacal Chavez with missiles topped with dirty bombs or fissionable material. That's where all this is leading to.

And we're debating assassinating this a\$\$hole?

Gordon Cucullu

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Subject: HUGO CHAVEZ and Assassination

Were it not such a serious charge I would find it amusing that terrorist, Hugo Chavez has now accused President George Bush of ordering his assassination. Right..... the President of the United States has, as a matter of professional courtesy, notified the Venezuelan terrorist that he intends to kill him. I am quite certain that the NY Times has also been notified by the President. Pat Robertson may have had it right last

year when he said that the demise of the South American Nazi, Hitler clone and best friend of FARC, Cuba et. al. might be the best solution for our hemisphere. When I was asked by Alan Colmes on Hannity and Colmes if I supported Pat Robertson's position I replied, "If a stray bullet from a hunter in Kentucky should find it's way between this guy's (Chavez's) eyes, no American should loose any sleep" I was summarily attacked by Alan and the Left. [http://cooperativeresearch.org/context.jsp?item=venezuela\\_53](http://cooperativeresearch.org/context.jsp?item=venezuela_53)  
<[http://cooperativeresearch.org/context.jsp?item=venezuela\\_53](http://cooperativeresearch.org/context.jsp?item=venezuela_53)>

Yet, here we are almost a year later and Chavez has grown stronger economically and militarily and succeeded in cultivating friendships with China, Russia, Iran, Syria and North Korea. He has called for the destruction of the US economy and threatened the US with decreasing oil imports. Many of my colleagues are convinced that Chavez was part of the FARC plot to assassinate President Bush when he traveled to Columbia <http://dailyinklings.wordpress.com/2004/11/> Does this mean we should assassinate Chavez? I have to believe in retrospect that if we had the opportunity to "assassinate" Hitler in 1937, we would have and many, many millions of lives would have been saved. Remember, NO ONE believed that Hitler could over run Europe in 1937. Like Yogi Berra said, "it's deja vu all over again."

Take care.  
Wayne

12333 states very clearly that:

As it is part of an executive order, the President may modify or rescind the assassination ban in E.O.

<<http://www.newsmax.com/archives/ic/2004/11/27/122623.shtml>>

12333, Section 2.11, by executive order. Except in specific circumstances, an executive order

revoking a previous order would have to be published in the Federal

Register under 44 U.S.C.

§ 1505(a) if it is deemed to be an order of general applicability.

However, under 44 U.S.C.

§ 1505(c):

In the event of an attack or threatened attack upon the continental United States and a determination by the President that as a result of an attack or threatened attack-

(1) publication of the Federal Register or filing of documents with the Office of the

Federal Register is impracticable, or

(2) under existing conditions publication in the Federal Register would not serve to give appropriate

notice to the public of the contents of documents, the President may, without regard to any other

regulation for filing with the Office or publication in the Federal Register of documents or classes of

documents.

Such a suspension would remain in effect until revoked by the President or by concurrent

resolution of Congress.

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2006 8:24 AM  
**To:** jedbabbin (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Monday-Wednesday

Jed, I just saw this and am taxiing down the runway for the sd's trip to the balkans. Sorry. Call me via cables (b)(2) if you'd like to discuss options.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** JedBabbin (b)(6)  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Sun Sep 24 21:36:16 2006  
**Subject:** Monday-Wednesday

Eric: I'm subbing for Michael Reagan on Monday thru Wednesday this week, 6-9 pm EDT nationally on Radio America network. Anything you have on your plate? Best, Jed.

Jed Babbin

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**From:** Bonnie [b]bsciarretto (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 7:34 PM  
**To:** BLSciarretto (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Babbin "Islamic Brownshirts"

## Islamic Brownshirts

By Jed Babbin

Published 9/25/2006 12:08:10 AM

Of the many wrong lessons the Clinton presidency taught us, the cheap apology is one that continues to haunt us. The world became accustomed to America – through our lip-quivering president – apologizing reflexively for every offense, real or imagined. Apologies have since become expensive. Because the radical Islamists demand – and we supply – an endless stream of apologies for conduct that is either entirely justified or inoffensive, they are winning their campaign of intimidation. Like Hitler's Brownshirt "Sturm Abteilung," the Islamofascists seek political dominance by violence and intimidation. And we, like the Weimar Republic before us, are letting the fascists get away with it.

Some, such as Charles Krauthammer, find irony in those who inflict violence to prove Islam is a religion of peace. To some, there is humor to be mined from the irony. For the rest of us, it's among the few parts of this war we can fight personally. We must summon up outrage at fascists who have intimidated the president of the United States out of calling them what they manifestly are. President Bush (I recall only one speech, and only two uses of the term) called them Islamic fascists. Which happens to be an historically defined and precisely accurate term. The cacophony of complaints from phony allies such as the Saudis and Islamists here intimidated the president out of further use of this enormously useful political term..

Now the Pope has drawn death threats from the "religion of peace" because of his reference to a 14th-century Byzantine emperor's statement about Islam being spread by the sword. The Pope has been driven to express regret (without technically apologizing) and is meeting today with Islamic representatives to calm them. He will fail to mollify them one way or the other because nothing can. Even if he accedes to their demands they will pronounce themselves unsatisfied and ask him to do more to prove he respects them more than they respect him. If my mother's mother were still alive, I've no doubt she'd have been penning a letter to the pontiff. In her rounded script, she would have written in the kindest terms she knew, "Dear Pope Benedict: Enough with the apologies already!" And she'd have been more correct than the president or the pontiff.

The Islamic Brownshirts are serving the same two purposes that Hitler's did. First, to intimidate people and separate them from their freedom to speak out against an ideology that aims to enslave them. Second, to legitimate the use of violence to punish anyone with whom they disagree. Someone who calls himself a "cleric" – be it Moqtada al-Sadr or some radical imam in America – has no more right to circumscribe our public debate or the Pope's speeches than did Hitler. Under the First Amendment, free speech still lives. In too many nations, including most of Old Europe, the Islamic Brownshirts have already killed it.

Italy and France surrendered preemptively. Spain fell when the Madrid train bombings caused

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its government to be defeated in an election held a day later. Britain, as Melanie Phillips has documented brilliantly in *Londonistan*, gave up free speech eagerly in favor of multiculturalism. The country that gave us the Magna Carta is now a place in which a street preacher can be fined about \$500 for parading with a sign that says, "Stop immorality. Stop homosexuality. Stop lesbianism," but Muslim thug Abu Izzadeen (the former Trevor Brooks) is not spoken to rudely when he incites murder. When France fell in June 1940 Churchill said, "What General Weygand called the Battle of France is over. I expect the Battle of Britain is about to begin." Europe has surrendered to the Islamic Brownshirts. Their battle is over. Ours has begun.

WE ARE BEING TERRORIZED OUT of our rights to freedom of speech and freedom of the press. The Islamic Brownshirts are working feverishly to suppress any criticism of themselves and their ideology. Because the president has (for the moment, at least) fled this battlefield, we must fight on our own. To begin, we have to recognize, and speak out on, four ground truths.

First, there is an enormous advantage America has over the nations in the grip of radical Islam. That advantage is enshrined in the Constitution's Bill of Rights, the freedoms stated in it inherently incompatible with radical Islam. Every time we apologize for an act such as labeling the Islamofascists correctly, we lose a bit of that freedom. Islamic fascists are just that, and we should remind the world of it at every opportunity. Just like those in Germany and conquered Europe who every night slept fitfully fearing the Gestapo's knock on the door, the people who live under radical Islam live in constant fear. The oppressed are not our enemy: the oppressors are.

Second, as Robert Spencer's *Politically Incorrect Guide to Islam and the Crusades* documents thoroughly -- quoting at length from the hadith (sayings of Muhammad that accompany the Koran) -- radical Islamists can offer only three choices to non-believers: convert to Islam, pay the poll-tax on non-Muslims and live under Islamic law, or war. As Spencer wrote, "Always remember, 'peaceful coexistence as equals in a pluralistic society' isn't one of the choices." The only answer to this is to Americanize the words of Australian Treasurer Peter Costello, who said in an August 2005 interview:

"[T]his is a country, which is founded on a democracy. According to our Constitution, we have a secular state. Our laws are made by the Australian Parliament. If those are not your values, if you want a country which has Sharia law or a theocratic state, then Australia is not for you. This is not the kind of country where you would feel comfortable if you were opposed to democracy, parliamentary law, independent courts and so I would say to people who don't feel comfortable with those values there might be other countries where they'd feel more comfortable with their own values or beliefs."

So it must be here. Anyone who wants to embrace our Constitution and renounce other law, who wants to be a participant in our democracy and is not hostile to the freedoms we enjoy, is welcome. Others are not.

Third, America began with a Declaration of Independence that was written, in part, because of our "decent respect to the opinions of mankind." But decent respect does not mean that we

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are ruled by others' opinions or law. And when we look at what is happening in England and Europe, we know we cannot accept that result and must summon our resolve to fight -- by words and deeds -- its achievement here.

Most importantly, the reigning emotions among radical Islamists are paranoia and insecurity. They think that anyone who utters the slightest criticism of them, their religion or their societies must be punished violently. The fourth ground truth is that these emotions are their problem, not ours. We must use them to our advantage.

The weapon provided by the radicals' fear and insecurity should be used incessantly. Scorn, contempt, shame and disrespect are what we should heap upon them. Every time we denounce a terrorist, the denunciation should include every single person, group and government that shares his beliefs. Civilization owes no apologies to Islamic fascists. Let us hear no more of them.

***TAS contributing editor Jed Babbin is the author of Inside the Asylum: Why the UN and Old Europe Are Worse Than You Think (Regnery, 2004) and, with Edward Timperlake, Showdown: Why China Wants War With the United States (Regnery, May 2006 -- [click here](#)).***

***Bonnie***

Let Freedom Ring!!

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 7:24 PM  
**To:** Latimer, Matthew SES OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: surrogates

Former cia now fox news analyst. Wayne simmons

Dallas B. Lawrence

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Latimer, Matthew SES OSD PA  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 7:24 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** Re: surrogates

Who is wayne?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**To:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA; (b)(6) OSD PA; Latimer, Matthew SES OSD PA  
**CC:** Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA  
**Sent:** Mon Sep 25 19:22:00 2006  
**Subject:** RE: surrogates

All,

I am sure this is very similar to how a number of our folks feel. Wayne is one that we can turn to and engage fully. There are a handful of others as well.

**From:** wssinter (b)(6) [mailto:wssinter (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 7:16 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Simmons

I am disgusted at what I saw on the news(?) tonight. I would strongly suggest that you arrange a meeting with SECDEF asap. Those in attendance should be those like me who, without question, SUPPORT his leadership for President Bush and America. Thanks.

Wayne

Dallas B. Lawrence

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United States Department of Defense

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From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 9:09 AM  
To: (b)(6) OSD PA; Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA; Latimer, Matthew SES OSD PA  
Cc: Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA  
Subject: surrogates

Hi mark

There was a lot of discussion about utilizing some surrogates in this morning meeting. This is in response to the retired generals comments. Dallas has put together a list of what we would do with this topic and he is standing by to offer you the ideas and the help to execute any of them, if you are interested. Some of this falls into new media, and some into analysis which we can handle.

Please let us know if you would like any assistance on this.

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**From:** Merritt, Roxie, AFIS-HQ  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 5:44 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** FW: Couple of interesting items.

Eric,

In my efforts to start developing new outlets for some of our products, I am trying to establish relationships with some of the bloggers that are quoted a lot in the mainstream press. Newsbusters is one of those bloggers. He has now branched out into a public access television show that is picked up not only in the New York area but in some other public access channels around the country. Are you able to do an interview with him on October 11th at 6 PM? Interview lasts about 20 minutes. Jed Babbin did an interview with him recently. It would just be an update about DoD items of interest. If you can do it, I will get some interview questions and staff the answers for you.

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**From:** Mark Finkelstein [mailto:mark@ (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 5:31 PM  
**To:** Merritt, Roxie, AFIS-HQ  
**Subject:** RE: Couple of interesting items.

Hi Roxie:

Very cool to imagine Sec. Rumsfeld being aware of our humble little blog!

As for date for DoD interview on 'Right Angle': I would suggest Wednesday, October 11th at 6 PM. Interview to last about 20 minutes.

Thanks again,

Mark

PS: Here's the link to our web site to give people a feel for the show:  
<http://rightangle.clarityconnect.com/>

By the way, a few weeks ago I interviewed on the show former DoD Undersecretary Jed Babbin regarding his new book 'Showdown,' regarding what he sees as the threat of war with China. The webcast of the interview is available at the Archived Webcasts tab on the web site. It's the show of 7/13: "The Coming War With China?"

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**From:** Major F. Andy Messing, Jr. (Ret)/ NDCF [NDCF] (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 8:13 AM  
**To:** Josiah Williams  
**Subject:** Fw: Please read this latest Op-Ed by Sarah and myself !!  
**Importance:** High

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> Dear Friends...  
> This is in today's Washington Times....  
> It should give us pause...as we try and spread our ideas...trying to  
> get people in Washington to think, is always a challenge....  
> Best  
> ANDY  
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> -----  
> > VARIETIES OF DEMOCRACY  
> > By Sarah L. Gildea / F. Andy Messing THE WASHINGTON TIMES  
> > -----  
> > "The advancement of freedom is the calling of our time; it is the  
calling  
> of our country." These words, spoken by President Bush nearly three  
> years ago, set out to define U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East.  
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> > Hence, freedom becomes America's mission. However, promoting it  
> > has  
> become characterized as our excessive burden in terms of lives,  
> fortune  
> and  
> political capital, to the point where the rhetorical push and pull in  
> Congress pits the interests of American citizens against one another.  
> Yet, lost in the mainly partisan scuffle is the recognition of the  
> realities of protracted warfare as it relates to cultivation of  
> democracy. Most  
Americans  
> have an unrealistic memory of their own history; of the resolve,  
> understanding and effort required to advance freedom.  
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> > The United States suffered through a divisive and brutal  
> > Revolution  
to  
> begin governing itself democratically. Following this, five long years  
> spanned before the Articles of Confederation were introduced. Their  
failure  
> led to a further seven years of deliberation before the U.S.  
> Constitution was instituted.  
> >  
> > Decades of postwar disorganization and struggle resulted in the  
> eventual success of this republic. This ideological commitment has  
> been  
lost  
> on our instant gratification society. Few of us can imagine a  
> deliberative process of government lasting longer than an episode of  
> the television program "West Wing," let alone numerous presidential administrations.  
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> > In relation to these facts, Sun Tzu, in "Art of War,"  
> > articulated  
the  
> knowledge and endurance required of wartime leaders. He contended  
> that,  
"An  
> able military commander strengthens his forces, makes the enemy's  
strengths  
> his own, has a profound understanding of the dangers of protracted  
> war,  
and  
> aims at ending a military action as soon as possible. Therefore, the  
general  
> who understands warfare is the key to peace in a country."  
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> > Accordingly, the general's strategies in a contested country  
> > have a  
> direct bearing on whether a democracy can even be instituted. This  
requires  
> a subtle and very focused approach to warfare to reach the point where  
> theoretical democratic processes can be addressed. In the case of  
> Iraq, ending our conventional military presence as soon as possible  
> means terminating it when most appropriate. It requires us to remain  
> proactive through alternative strategies; by first and foremost  
> setting a democratic example worthy of emulation within our own  
> country, offering selective security, sociopolitical and economic  
> advice, and fostering a fledgling civil society with developmental aid.  
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> > As a nation uncomfortable with intervention, and averse to  
> > becoming  
a  
> warrior state, our impulse to cut and run as soon as elections are  
> held is unfaithful to our own state-building experience. Elections do  
> not  
guarantee  
> a perfect democracy. The governments of Vladimir Putin, Robert Mugabe,  
Hugo  
> Chavez, Fidel Castro and possibly elected Daniel Ortega, are  
> testaments to this truth.  
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> > This does not mean democracy does not exist in these countries.  
> Instead, it points to the multifaceted nature of democracy; its  
> ability to be molded and used by the leaders and societies it serves.  
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> > We need to reorganize our expectations based upon that fact.  
> > Fully  
> functioning democracies take time to grow. Commitment transcends  
timelines,  
> and we must continually remember the difference between forced regime  
change  
> and the amenable installation of democracy.  
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> > Our military operations in Iraq seem feckless and continually  
> > morph  
in  
> their mission. As this insurgency increases, some foreign leaders  
> claim policies designed to promote freedom in the Middle East are  
> themselves a hindrance to it. In response to the recent attempted attack on the U.S.  
> Embassy in Damascus, a representative of the Syrian Embassy in  
> Washington crystallized this view by saying, "It is regrettable that  
> U.S. policies in the Middle East have fueled extremism, terrorism and anti-U.S.  
sentiment."



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> > These types of seemingly off-the-wall comments are to be  
> > expected in  
> war. What is truly regrettable is that this perception thwarts our  
> ability to have a unified mandate to promote freedom and democracy worldwide.  
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> > Notably, every country is not designed for the same form of  
democracy.  
> However, every country's citizens should have the same freedom to  
> choose their governing format for themselves. As Thomas Jefferson  
> treasonously wrote to the British, "Governments are instituted among  
> Men, deriving  
their  
> just Powers from the Consent of the Governed."  
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> > Providing this governance is a long, arduous undertaking. It is  
> > time  
> for Americans to be patient. We must recognize the multitude of global  
> democratic experiments, even on our own soil, and resist hypocrisy.  
> Our experience with democracy is relatively successful, but we must be  
> wary of forcing our brand of freedom and democracy on others, or risk  
> disillusionment and failure.  
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> >  
> > *<i>Sarah L. Gildea is a graduate student at Germany's Erfurt  
> > School  
of  
> Public Policy and is now a research fellow at the National Defense  
> Council Foundation. F. Andy Messing is NDCF's executive director and  
> is a retired special forces major.</i>*  
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**To:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: new media/ outreach

I can do whatever he likes. Give him the list, help set up the conference call, etc. Harvey would likely not be him but bryan witman right? Or we could do it under new media, do a quick 5 minute interview, zap it out via radio podcast for instant play today, also put it out on the web and also put it up on the sat for local news folks to pull down and play the clip as they talk about the hearings today. This would have to all happen before noon I think to be "part of the debate" vice response to it.

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United States Department of Defense

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**From:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 9:04 AM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: new media/ outreach

Great ideas. how do you recommend working with mark on this?  
ab

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 9:03 AM  
**To:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Subject:** new media/ outreach

A few quick ideas for the next 24 hours:

- 1) Conference call with analysts to directly rebut intel report issues, special emphasis on folks like wayne simmons
- 2) Put Monty Meigs out front and center talking about the folly of retired generals speaking out after the fact
- 3) "Fact Check", release comments by these generals when they were on duty that run counter to what they are saying now
- 4) Put Secretary Harvey out front and center to tackle the political side "there is no surprise these are all for the most part cold war era army generals who opposed Scty Rumsfeld's transformation to a leaner faster army"

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**From:** JedBabbin (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2006 9:36 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Monday-Wednesday

Eric: I'm subbing for Michael Reagan on Monday thru Wednesday this week, 6-9 pm EDT nationally on Radio America network. Anything you have on your plate? Best, Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2006 8:55 PM  
**To:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA; Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Latimer, Matthew SES OSD PA; Merritt, Roxie, AFIS-HQ; Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** Re: town hall push

Way cool. Good work.

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Here is where we sent it...

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MP3 and Video file and pentagon channel link push by White House to 90+ Blogs, nationwide radio, and their "In Case You Missed It" list

Video clip posted on You Tube and Google video

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**From:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2006 7:34 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: town hall push

We have to manage expectations...

At least we didn't get in trouble for doing all of this without getting permission.

Signed  
Positivity girl

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2006 7:31 PM  
**To:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Subject:** Fw: town hall push

That's it? No "thanks for leaning forward" etc? Ugh.

-----Original Message-----

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**To:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Latimer, Matthew SES OSD PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; Merritt, Roxie, AFIS-HQ; Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Fri Sep 22 18:20:41 2006  
**Subject:** Re: town hall push

I'm told by someone who watched it that C SPAN covered the whole hour.

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**From:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2006 6:40 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: Iraq Message

Oh my goodness.

Please save me from this town!!!!

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2006 12:53 PM  
**To:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Subject:** FW: Iraq Message

Ummm, ok.

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**Cc:** (b)(6)  
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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA [mailto:Dallas.Lawrence@ (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 12:38 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Iraq Message

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Hope this note finds you doing great! I just got back from Iraq late last night after spending a few days with our military analysts seeing the progress throughout the country and hearing from our senior military leaders, as well as senior Iraqis, including the Prime Minister, about their frustrations about the lack of attention being paid to the successes on the ground. It occurred to me that it might be worthwhile for our next all political gathering (especially if there is one before the election) to give our team a briefing on the real progress on the ground. We have hundreds of defacto spokespeople who all have their own "echo chambers" whether they be at Commerce or HUD or Education, etc who could benefit from a briefing on the facts of what is happening on the ground. As everything this year and next is going to turn back to Iraq, arming them with some solid information might be helpful.

The upshot from our military folks (from Casey on down to the young Marine Captain working with the Iraqi

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military in Al Anbar), and from the Iraqi military folks that we spoke with is that the Iraqi military is exceeding above and beyond all expectations. Conducting independent operations, owning their own battle space, being ready, willing and able to get into the fight and die for their democratic country, etc. The overarching concern of all is whether or not the new government can pull together the social services and national cohesion needed. This is a good news story for us. As it shows all sides now clearly see the way ahead in the hands of the Iraqis. We have trained their military, they are standing up more and more every day to provide the security blanket necessary for the democratic government to have the climate to operate in and provide for a better and more stable country.

In any event, if you think this is something worthwhile, I'd be happy to look into pulling together the right group to present a solid brief. I could even check to see if we could even do it here in our auditorium, which seats 325.

If there is an interest in this, I'd be happy to get on it asap.

Best,  
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Ill tighten this up Monday with whatever the white house gives me.

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**From:** (b)(6) OSD PA  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2006 12:53 PM  
**To:** Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA  
**Subject:** Pundit lunch in October - my ideas

**Glen Beck, XM syndicated radio host and show on CNN Headlines News.**

**Jed Babbin**

**Kate O'Beirne**

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*Director, OSD Advance and Media Relations  
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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2006 12:53 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Iraq Message

I have no idea what she means. But ill take it as a "pass"

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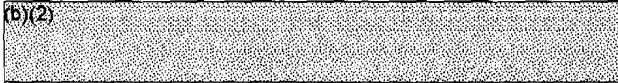
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groothousen@ (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Torturing the Law: Today's RCP

Sen. McCain misses no opportunity to alienate conservatives and the military. This one should cost him the 08 nomination.

[RealClearPolitics - Articles - Torturing the Law](#)

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 7:58 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Jed Babbin on Armitage/Powell

## **A Special Place in Hell**

By Jed Babbin

Published 9/18/2006 12:08:42 AM

Greater self-love hath no man than to sacrifice a friend's life for his own. Our grateful nation awards the Medal of Honor to those few whose valor in combat is above and beyond the call of duty. But what is the polar opposite of the Medal? It is essential we decide, because Richard Armitage -- former Deputy Secretary of State -- has earned it for his uncommon treachery, beneath and beyond the call of knavery.

Begin with the fact that Armitage -- and his boss, Colin Powell -- were always outsiders. Powell, by his own discomfort with Bush's inner circle, was not part of it. But both were high-ranking members of the administration and owed it political loyalty.

For reasons I have theorized before, the CIA sent anti-war activist Joe Wilson to Niger to "investigate" the attempts by Saddam's regime to buy uranium "yellowcake" there. On July 6, 2003, an op-ed by Wilson appeared in the *New York Times* about his Niger mission and his conclusion that Iraq hadn't sought uranium from Niger. Robert Novak's July 14, 2003 column disclosed that Mrs. Wilson -- Valerie Plame -- was a CIA employee whom Novak described imprecisely as a CIA "operative." What followed was the most damaging contrived news story since George Bush took office.

Wilson bellowed -- and the media and the Democratic leadership chimed in -- demanding a criminal investigation into the leak of Plame's name. Wilson accused Karl Rove of trying to smear him, and said Rove should be "frog-marched" out of the White House in handcuffs. The 527 Media -- the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, CBS, NBC and ABC -- all covered the story not as even liberally biased publications, but as political activists making campaign commercials for the Dems.

Schumer and Co. solemnly condemned the smear campaign against Wilson, the White House's horrific crime of leaking the name of a covert agent, and the hunt was on for the leaker. The ever-responsive George Tenet asked the Justice Department to open a criminal investigation and, after overcoming objections, it did. Patrick Fitzgerald was appointed to investigate the leak on December 30, 2003. I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby was indicted for perjury on October 28, 2005.

(For the record, the Libby indictment says Plame's employment was "classified." Not covert; classified. Between the two is the gap between a "NOC" -- a "not official cover," covert agent -- and any desk jockey at Langley.)

Long before the indictment, Wilson's story had fallen apart. His lies about the Niger "investigation" were revealed by the 9-11 Commission, British intelligence and many others who found that Saddam had pursued a uranium deal in Niger. But as more and more of Wilson's claims were disproved, serial liar Wilson and his media pals didn't slow down.

Now we know, as Paul Harvey might say, the rest of the story. Neither Karl Rove nor Scooter Libby

was Novak's source in July 2003. Richard Armitage was. And, at least as of October 1, 2003, Colin Powell knew that. Almost three months later, when Patrick Fitzgerald was appointed on December 30, 2003, he knew there was no crime to investigate. No covert operator's name had been divulged. It is an entirely separate scandal -- one probably including real criminal conduct -- that the Fitzgerald investigation was even begun despite knowledge that no crime had been committed. Libby's crime, if there was one, was manufactured by Fitzgerald in the grand jury room. And all the while Fitzgerald knew what neither the White House nor the public did: that Armitage was the source.

Armitage is doing an elaborate CYA dance for the 527 Media. He's saying that he didn't know that he was Novak's source until the day he told Colin Powell he was. He's also saying that he mentioned Plame casually to Novak. To his credit, Novak is making clear now what his pledge of confidentiality to Armitage made him conceal earlier. In his September 14, 2006 column, Novak wrote that Armitage specifically called him in for an interview he'd been trying to get for two and a half years. Novak wrote:

[Armitage] had told me unequivocally that Mrs. Wilson worked in the CIA's Counterproliferation Division and that she had suggested her husband's mission. As for his current implication that he never expected this to be published, he noted that the story of Mrs. Wilson's role fit the style of the old Evans-Novak column -- implying to me that it continued reporting Washington inside information.

It was an act of supreme disloyalty for Armitage to keep the fact that he was Novak's source from the president -- and thus the public -- for three years. The same goes for Powell. There was no reason whatever -- other than the desire to do political damage to the administration -- for Armitage and Powell to remain silent while the 527 Media and the Dems fired a three-year long barrage of political fire at the President, the Vice President, Karl Rove and Scooter Libby. We expect the Dems and the political-activist media to do this. But we don't expect the craven, cowardly conduct of Armitage and Powell.

What they did enabled Fitzgerald to continue his pursuit of Rove and the rest of the White House without the restraint imposed by public knowledge of the single most important fact. There was no White House conspiracy to "out" Paper Pusher Plame to punish Ol' Joe. The non-leak came from Armitage, not the White House.

Thanks to Armitage, Scooter Libby has lost his job and is now immersed in a criminal case that must have already cost him millions in legal fees and will certainly cost him millions more. Fitzgerald is waiting until 2007 to try Libby.

Thanks to Armitage, the White House has been hobbled by this phony scandal for three years. Its credibility -- in Congress and in relations with other governments -- was damaged significantly by the charge of lawbreaking. The Democrats have linked the phony Plame scandal to every other allegation of abuse of intelligence they make to discredit the handling of the war. How many times have we heard Schumer, Rockefeller, Durbin and the rest say we can't trust this administration, using Wilson-Plame as proof? The revelation of Armitage's responsibility creates another situation like Reagan's Labor Secretary, Ray Donovan, faced when exonerated of corruption charges. Where does the Bush administration go to get its reputation back?

Armitage's leak was not innocent, idle chatter. And worse, much worse, was his cravenness in not telling the truth to the president he supposedly served. Armitage told Powell on October 1, 2003. If he felt his loyalty to Powell required him to call his boss on that date, he had a greater loyalty to tell the

president before the sun set that day. The facts that neither he nor Powell told the president, that both allowed the Democrats and the media to damage the Bush administration for almost three years afterward and let Scooter Libby's life to be ruined, disqualifies both Armitage and Powell from ever holding public office again. Let them retire in the ignominy they deserve.

What medal shall we give the man who leaked and remained silent? Hester Prynne wore the scarlet letter. For the leaker who hid while the political lynch mob hoisted his president and Scooter Libby, there has to be a special reward. There's only one name for it: the Armitage Award.

**TAS contributing editor Jed Babbin is the author of Inside the Asylum: Why the UN and Old Europe Are Worse Than You Think (Regnery, 2004) and, with Edward Timperlake, Showdown: Why China Wants War With the United States (Regnery, May 2006 -- [click here](#)).**

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Let Freedom Ring!!



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**From:** Gordon, Jeffrey D LCDR OSD PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 6:07 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** FW: Surrogates on one page.doc

FYI

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## GTMO MEDIA OUTREACH

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Monica Crowley

Monica Crowley Show

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Eileen Byrne

Eileen Byrne Show

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Jack Rice

Jack Rice Show

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Janet Parshall

"America"

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Griff Jenkins

Fox News Talk

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Wendy Wang

Talk Radio News

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Claudia Rossett

Free Lance

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Jay Nordlinger

National Review

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Rich Lowry

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Marc Steyn

Freelance

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**Think Tank**

Leonard Leo

Frank Gaffney

**Radio**

Charlie Brennan

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**Think Tank**

Ed Feulner

Ed Meese

Chuck Cooper

David Rivkin

Lee Casey

Heather MacDonald

1 Nov 2006

Media Trip

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**From:** Garrett, John [JGarrett@  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 3:58 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: Description of the trip

Thanks very much.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA [mailto:Dallas.Lawrence@  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 7:55 AM  
**To:** Garrett, John  
**Subject:** RE: Description of the trip

I would suggest you describe it as many have in the past. A regular outreach program of the department of defense that offers retired military television and print news analysts access to senior leadership and regular briefings etc etc.

I have many pictures coming your way this afternoon.

Dallas B. Lawrence  
Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison United States Department of Defense

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Garrett, John [mailto:JGarrett@  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 4:54 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** Description of the trip

When the media asks why/how we were in Iraq, how do you prefer we describe the OSD PA trip/program for military analysts.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 12:04 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** FW: Military analysts in Iraq  
**Attachments:** Military Analysts in Iraq.doc

Here you go. Would you mind sending out a note to the four that came, thanking them for taking the time and asking tyhem to pleas let us know, in advance if possible, of any and all media they are doing. Let them know it is for a report we will give casey. Dave has some info from mccasuland. thanks

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**From:** (b)(6) CTR OSD PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 11:24 AM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Cc:** (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA; (b)(6) CTR, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Military analysts in Iraq

Dear Mr. Lawrence,

Attached are two clips and transcripts from Gen. Wayne Downing on MSNBC and Col. Jeff McCausland on CBS Radio reporting from Iraq. Gen. Downing discussed the new security measures in Baghdad that may be implemented to stop sectarian violence. Col. McCausland discussed the effect the Pope's recent comments have had in Iraq.

As of this morning, there have been no reports from John Garrett or Bing West. We will continue monitoring for coverage. Please let us know if you need anything else.

Thank you  
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## Military Analysts in Iraq

### General Wayne Downing

**MSNBC: MSNBC News Live 13:54:32** – September 19

**Anchor:** U.S. and Iraqi forces are implementing dramatic new measures in Baghdad as they try to stop sectarian violence from degenerating into civil war. MSNBC military analyst retired General Wayne Downing was recently in Iraq. He was meeting with senior U.S. and Iraqi officials. And while he was there, he sat down with NBC's Mike Betcher.

**Mike Betcher:** General, you've been here four days. You've seen what's going on right now. Are we winning, the United States? Is the United States losing? Or is that even the right question to ask?

**Gen. Wayne Downing:** Tremendous progress on the military front. The Iraqi army has stood up. The units I saw are doing very very well. But, the provision of services to the people just has not occurred. Primarily because of security type things. But the other thing is we still have these sectarian political issues that have not been solved.

**Betcher:** Did the military officials you spoke here, top generals, did they say they think a political process will work here to make that happen?

**Gen. Downing:** I talked to not only American generals, I talk to British generals, I talked to Iraqi generals, I talked to colonels, I talked to people throughout the chain of command. They're doing what they can do. All of them also expect the politicians to do what they have to do.

These political parties, these Sunni and Shia parties, they have got to come together and they've got to solve some fundamental differences that we papered over when we did that constitution, and they've got to come to grips with that.

**Betcher:** I'm told by senior military officials here that since Zarqawi was killed, they've been able to kick the heck out of the insurgency. That the problem is not so much that, but the sectarian violence. And we've had 200 people killed in the last five days.

**Gen. Downing:** It is sectarian violence. It is the death squad. The Sunni death squads, the Shia death squads, it's the Mahdi Army, and this is what they have to get after now.

**Betcher:** They're talking about this new plan to build a ring around Baghdad.

**Gen. Downing:** It will be several rings, which are primarily checkpoints, barb wire fences, a couple of ditches which will channel people so they can't easily get in and out of the city without going through some kind of a physical check point. It is a technique that's not going to go on forever but it will support the overall effort to diffuse Baghdad.

**Anchor:** That was Mike talking to retired General Wayne Downing in Iraq.

### Colonel Jeff McCausland

**WCBS-NY (Radio): News 16:31:12** – September 18

**Col. Jeff McCausland (Taped):** Just when you thought things in Iraq couldn't get any more difficult, along comes the Pope who makes some comments about Islam which makes things more difficult here in Iraq. About 2 percent of the population of Iraq is Christians and following the Pope's comments, there have been demonstrations in Basra, Karbala, as well as here in Baghdad.

The governor today made an official statement calling on all Iraqis not to attack Christians in response to the Pope's comments. Having said that, one of the militia groups, that is the one headed by [inaudible], have reportedly told his people to attack Christians.



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**To:** Gordon, Jeffrey D LCDR OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: GTMO trips

jd, i think i sent you his email to me about avialability dates. if you don't have it let me know. i'd like to call him an invitation vice an "are you available" as we should know the dates he is sending us. okay? thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Gordon, Jeffrey D LCDR OSD PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 11:45 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** RE: GTMO trips

Believe so, but I'll have to confirm with him. Will let you know.

V/R,

JD

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 11:29 AM  
**To:** Gordon, Jeffrey D LCDR OSD PA  
**Subject:** Re: GTMO trips

Is oct 18 one of the days cal thomas is available? Thanks.

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**From:** Gordon, Jeffrey D LCDR OSD PA  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Wed Sep 20 11:04:48 2006  
**Subject:** FW: GTMO trips

FYI

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**From:** (b)(6) LCDR OSD PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 9:27 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) Mr OSD PA  
**Cc:** Gordon, Jeffrey D LCDR OSD PA  
**Subject:** GTMO trips

(b)(6)

Here are the next dates for the media outreach trips:

Sept 27: Media

Oct 11: Military Analyst (we might allow Charlie Brennan to attend this one)

Oct 18: Media

Oct 25: Military Analyst

Nov 1: Media

From here on out, the goal is to reach the talk show hosts who are on the "Think Tank" list first and foremost before we reach out to others who are not on the list. Kosher?

Thx,

(b)(6)

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1. Confirmed for October 11th:  
Leonard Leo  
Frank Gaffney

2. Confirmed for October 25th:  
Ed Feulner  
Ed Meese  
Chuck Cooper  
David Rivkin  
Lee Casey  
Heather MacDonald

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3. Still waiting on:  
Clifford May  
Andrew McCarthy  
John O'Sullivan  
Anne Bayefsky  
Danielle Pletka  
Michael Rubin  
Fred Kagan  
David Frum  
Helena Cobban  
Glenn Sulmasy

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 7:10 AM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Today's confirmed call

**Confirmed Retired Military Analysts:**

Colonel Ken Allard	(USA, Retired) MSNBC
Mr. Jed Babbin	(USAF, JAG) American Spectator
Cmdr. Peter Brookes	(USN, Reserve) Heritage Foundation
Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu	(USA, Retired) Fox News
Colonel (Tim) J. Eads	(USA, Retired) Fox News
General Ronald Fogelman	(USAF, Retired)
Lieutenant Colonel Rick Francona	(USAF, Retired) MSNBC
Colonel John Garrett	(USMC, Retired)
Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer	(USA, Retired) Fox News
Colonel Jack Jacobs	(USA, Retired)
General William F. "Buck" Kernan	(USA, Retired)
Colonel Glenn Lackey	(USA, Retired)
Lieutenant General Thomas McInerney	(USAF, Retired) Fox News
Major General Michael J. Nardotti, Jr.	(USA, Retired)
General William L. Nash	(USA, Retired)
Major General Donald W. Shepperd	(USAF, Retired) CNN
Major General Perry Smith	(USAF, Retired)
Captain Robert Timberg	(USMC, Retired) U.S. Naval Institute
Major General Paul E. Vallely	(USA, Retired) Fox News
Colonel John Warden	(USAF, Retired)

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**From:** Garrett, John [JGarrett@(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 4:54 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** Description of the trip

When the media asks why/how we were in Iraq, how do you prefer we describe the OSD PA trip/program for military analysts.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 7:55 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Conference Call - Wednesday 9-20  
**Attachments:** Invite.doc; GEN Jones bio.doc

**To:** Retired Military Analysts  
**From:** Dallas Lawrence  
Director, Community Relations and Public Liaison  
Office of the Secretary of Defense  
**Date:** September 19, 2006  
**Re:** **Conference Call with Senior DoD Official**

We invite you to participate in a conference call, **WEDNESDAY, September 20, 2006, from 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.**

The topic of the conference call will be an overview of the challenges facing NATO in Afghanistan including the force generation issue and the Taliban.

General James L. Jones, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR)/Commander, United States European Command (EUCOM) will brief you. (His biography is attached for your review.) This call will be On-the-Record.

To participate in this conference call, please dial (b)(2) and ask the operator to connect you to the Analysts conference call.

Please R.S.V.P. to (b)(6) at (b)(6) or call him at (b)(2)

We hope you are able to participate.



Invite.doc (40 KB) GEN Jones bio.doc  
(39 KB)

**General James L. Jones**  
**Supreme Allied Commander,**  
**Europe (SACEUR)**  
**Commander, United States**  
**European Command**  
**(EUCOM)**



General Jones is the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR) and the Commander of the United States European Command (CDR USEUCOM). From the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Mons, Belgium, General Jones leads Allied Command Europe (ACE), comprising NATO's military forces in Europe. The mission of ACE is to preserve the peace, security, and territorial integrity of the NATO member nations in Europe.

As CDR USEUCOM, General Jones commands five U.S. components: U.S. Army, Europe; U.S. Navy, Europe; U.S. Air Forces in Europe, U.S. Marine Forces, Europe and Special Operations Command, Europe. The European Command's mission is to support and achieve U.S. interests and objectives throughout 91 countries in Central and Eastern Europe, Africa and portions of the Middle East. The command performs a variety of functions including planning for and conducting contingency operations such as noncombatant evacuations and humanitarian relief operations; providing combat-ready forces to both Allied Command Europe and other U.S. unified commands; and conducting intelligence activities and security assistance.

General Jones spent his formative years in France, returning to the United States to attend the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, from which he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1966. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps in January 1967. Upon completion of The Basic School, Quantico, Va., in October 1967, he was ordered to the Republic of Vietnam, where he served as a Platoon and Company Commander with Company G, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines. While overseas, he was promoted to First Lieutenant in June 1968.

Returning to the United States in December 1968, General Jones was assigned to Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he served as a Company Commander until May 1970. He then received orders to Marine Barracks, Washington, DC, for duties as a Company Commander, serving in this assignment until July 1973. He was promoted to Captain in December 1970. From July 1973 until June 1974, he was a student at the Amphibious Warfare School, Quantico, Va. In November 1974, he received orders to report to the 3d Marine Division on Okinawa, where he served as the Company Commander of Company H, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, until December 1975.

From January 1976 to August 1979, General Jones served in the Officer Assignments Section at Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, DC. During this assignment, he was promoted to Major in July 1977. Remaining in Washington, his next assignment was as the

Marine Corps Liaison Officer to the United States Senate, where he served until July 1984. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in September 1982.

He was selected to attend the National War College in Washington, DC. Following graduation in June 1985, he was assigned to command the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif., from July 1985 to July 1987.

In August 1987, General Jones returned to Headquarters Marine Corps, where he served as Senior Aide to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. He was promoted to Colonel in April 1988, and became the Military Secretary to the Commandant in February 1989. During August 1990, General Jones was assigned as the Commanding Officer, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit at Camp Lejeune, N.C. During his tour with the 24th MEU, he participated in Operation Provide Comfort in Northern Iraq and Turkey. He was advanced to Brigadier General on April 23, 1992. General Jones was assigned to duties as Deputy Director, J-3, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany, on July 15, 1992. During this tour of duty, he was reassigned as Chief of Staff, Joint Task Force Provide Promise, for operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia.

Returning to the United States, he was advanced to the rank of Major General in July 1994, and was assigned as Commanding General, 2d Marine Division, Marine Forces Atlantic, Camp Lejeune, NC. General Jones next served as Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division (N85), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, during 1996, then as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Policies and Operations, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, DC. He was advanced to Lieutenant General on July 18, 1996.

His next assignment was as the Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense. He was promoted to General on June 30, 1999, and became the 32nd Commandant of the United States Marine Corps on July 1, 1999. General Jones assumed duties as the Commander of U.S. European Command on 16 January 2003 and Supreme Allied Commander Europe on 17 January 2003.

General Jones' personal decorations include: the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Silver Star Medal, Legion of Merit with four gold stars, Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", and the Combat Action Ribbon.

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2006 4:26 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Re: The Sunday Shows, 09.18.06

Jeff mccauslan with cbs, john garrett with fox.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Mon Sep 18 16:25:41 2006  
**Subject:** RE: The Sunday Shows, 09.18.06

Thanks! Who else is with you?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2006 4:25 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Re: The Sunday Shows, 09.18.06

Harold. Looks like one of our analysts will be on nbc news and msnb tonice. Wayne downing. Just wanted to give you a heads up.

He did the interviews taped from baghdad this afternoon.

-----Original Message-----

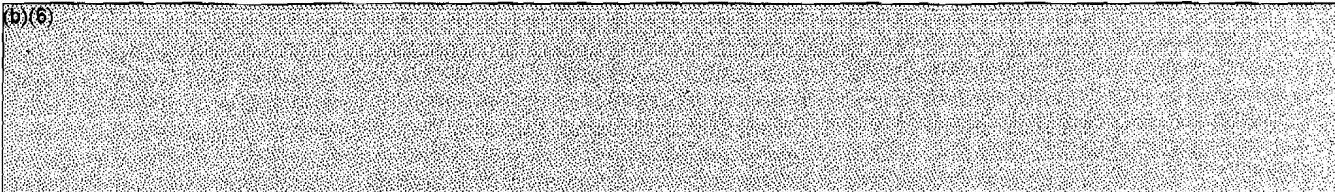
**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**To:** (b)(6)

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Sent: Mon Sep 18 15:36:19 2006  
Subject: The Sunday Shows, 09.18.06

Major topics: Interrogation techniques and the Geneva Conventions  
The war in Iraq

(b)(6)

**From:** Fred Gedrich [ggedrich@(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2006 1:50 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** Any DoD Sponsored Trips ?

Hi Dallas:

Just a quick note to say hello and let you know I'm interested in any DoD sponsored trips to Afghanistan, Iraq or Gitmo you may have planned.

I've done a lot of radio, television and writing and been a White House guest on several occasions. We met at Grover Norquist a while back. I retired from State Department several years ago and before then worked in DoD. I'm also a regular at Frank Gaffney's national security meetings and worked with Generals Tom McInerney and Paul Vallely on a few projects. (b)(6) also has me on list and I've sent her a bio.

All the best,

Fred Gedrich

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2006 10:48 AM  
**To:** Vician, Todd M LtCol OSD PA  
**Subject:** Re: Military Analysts

Todd, sorry to just now be getting back to you. I just landed at Kuwait after 4 days in Iraq. Did we get back to you on this?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Vician, Todd M LtCol OSD PA  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**CC:** (b)(6) CDR, JCS DOM  
**Sent:** Mon Sep 18 09:30:22 2006  
**Subject:** FW: Military Analysts

Good morning Dallas,

(b)(6) from Gen James Jones's, the EUCOM commander, staff is interested in a military analysts call tomorrow for the general to discuss the progress/challenges in Afghanistan. This would be prior to a Wednesday press brief he's doing.

Is 0800 doable?

I've info'd (b)(6) so y'all can work directly.

Thanks,  
Todd

Lt Col Todd Vician, USAF  
Defense Press Officer  
Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)

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DSN (b)(2)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CDR, JCS DOM  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 17, 2006 9:06 PM  
**To:** Carpenter, Joseph LCDR OSD PA; Vician, Todd M LtCol OSD PA  
**Subject:** Military Analysts

Joe/Todd,

I'd like to present the opportunity for Gen Jones to speak with the stable of military analysts Wed morning before he goes on the podium to discuss Afghanistan as I think this would be a good opportunity to help align the message.

First, would this be a possibility for him this Wed? Secondly, if this is feasible, is it possible to get a list of the people OSD has on their call list to present to Gen Jones when he asks who he would possibly be speaking with?

Thanks for the help.

Best,

(b)(6)

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**From:** JedBabbin@  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2006 10:43 AM  
**To:** tmcinerney; nashct; Glenstrae77; BURM41516  
USAGir1957; WSSInter; robertscales  
wheeler; twikerson; ShepDonald  
mgroot; groothouse  
**Subject:** A Special Place in Hell: Today's TAS

There has to be a special place in hell for people like Armitage. Treachery, beneath and beyond the call of knavery.

The American Spectator

**Jed Babbin**

(b)(6) (Home office)  
(b)(6) (Mobile)

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From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 11:54 PM  
To: 'jgarrett@'(b)(6) 'mccaustj@'(b)(6)  
Subject: Fw: Atlantic Monthly article

-----Original Message-----

From: Bing West  
To: Coates Col Robert J IMEF G-10); (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
Sent: Fri Sep 15 16:22:14 2006  
Subject: Atlantic Monthly article

The Atlantic Monthly | October 2006

The Road to Haditha

How did the heroes of Fallujah come to kill civilians in Haditha? A Vietnam veteran who witnessed the battle of Fallujah says it's too soon to judge the marines—but not the high command.

by Bing West

A Marine infantry officer in Vietnam, F. J. "Bing" West is the author of *The Village*, a Vietnam classic, and *No True Glory: A Frontline Account of the Battle for Fallujah*, out in paperback in October.

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Toward the end of the savage battle for Fallujah in December of 2004, I met the 3rd Platoon of Kilo Company in the shattered southern remnants of the city. Lieutenant Jesse Grapes was justly proud of his platoon, which was serving as part of Battalion 3/1. A few weeks earlier, a half-dozen jihadists barricaded on the second floor of what came to be known as the House From Hell had poured fire on four wounded marines trapped in downstairs rooms. Instead of backing off, Grapes's men rushed the house, smashing at doors and windows and ripping apart metal grates to rescue their comrades. They swarmed into an alcove, dripping red from cuts, gouges, and bullet wounds. Blood flowed across the concrete floor, slippery as ice. It stuck like gum to their trigger fingers, pulling their aim off target as they ducked grenades that sent shrapnel ricocheting off the walls.

Sergeant Byron Norwood poked his head around a door frame. Bang! A round hit him in the head and he fell, mortally wounded. The fight swirled on until Grapes wriggled through a small window and laid down covering fire while the wounded were pulled out. Corporal Richard Gonzalez, the platoon's "mad bomber," rushed forward with a twenty-pound satchel of C4 explosive—enough to demolish two houses. He placed it on the chest of a dead jihadist and ran outside.

The house exploded in a flash, followed by concrete chunks thudding down. A pink mist mixed with the dust and gunpowder in the air. Grapes was happy to see it. He hastily evacuated eleven wounded marines and the body of Sergeant Norwood, who was from a Texas town but whose sharp wit reminded his colonel of New York City-type humor.

Three months later, President Bush invited Norwood's parents to the State of the Union address. When the president thanked them for their sacrifice, everyone stood and applauded. Back in Camp Pendleton, the courageous platoon basked in the country's adulation.

Two marines who had fought in the House From Hell were awarded the Navy Cross, the nation's second-highest medal for courage. Fallujah was the most ferocious urban battle Americans had fought since the Vietnam War.

In the fall of 2005, Battalion 3/1 returned to Iraq with veterans of the House From Hell, together with new squad and platoon leaders. In November, the 3rd Platoon of Kilo Company—including several of Grapes's men—engaged in a fight in Haditha in which twenty-four Iraqi civilians died. President Bush, unaware that this was Norwood's unit, said, "The Marine Corps is full of honorable people who understand the rules of war ... those who violated the law, if they did, will be punished." A year after the president had praised the 3rd Platoon, he censured it.

What happened? What the hell happened? The president, were he a reflective man, might be asking himself this question.

In March 2003, I accompanied the Marine battalion and British engineers who seized the pumping station just north of Basra that facilitated a multibillion-dollar flow of oil. The engineers were appalled to find open cesspools, rusted valves, sputtering turbines, and other vital equipment deteriorating into junk. Heaps of garbage lay outside the walls of nearby houses. Yet inside the courtyards, tiny patches of grass were as well tended as putting greens. That defined Iraq: a generation of tyrannical greed had taught Iraqis to look out for their own, to enrich their families, and to avoid any communal activity that attracted attention.

When Baghdad fell that April, the population was in awe of the Americans. When the American soldiers did nothing to stop the looting, that feeling of awe vanished.

The Iraqi army had melted away, but its soldiers were eager to regroup in order to gain pay and prestige. Indeed, the American commanders working with Iraqi officers reported that they could easily reconstitute several trained battalions. But in May, the American proconsul, L. Paul Bremer III, hastily disbanded the Iraqi army and outlawed former Baathists from government service. The Joint Chiefs of Staff did not object, and American soldiers moved alone into the Sunni cities west and north of Baghdad.

The insurgency began that summer, as gangs of Sunni youths and unemployed soldiers heeded the urgings of imams and former elements of Saddam Hussein's regime to oppose the infidel occupiers, protectors of the Shiite apostates. The Sunni population sympathized with and was intimidated by the insurgents, who freely mingled in the marketplaces. The insurgents' tactics were trial and error; attacks increased as respect for the Americans and their armor dissipated.

The Americans responded to the low-level attacks with vigorous sweeps and raids. This was the wrong approach, because mobile armored offensives could not hope to neutralize the insurgent manpower pool of a million disaffected Sunni youths. The American divisions lacked a commander who would curb their instinct for decisive battle and lay out a counterinsurgency plan. Instead, their inexperienced commander, Lieutenant General Ricardo Sanchez, expressed confidence that the tactic of offensive operations was succeeding.

In March 2004, the Marine Corps assumed responsibility for Anbar province, the heart of the Sunni insurgency. The Marine commander, Lieutenant General James Conway, quickly reported that the security condition was terrible, contradicting Sanchez's optimism. Nine Marine battalions—some 9,000 men in all—were trying to control twelve cities stretching from the outskirts of Baghdad to the Syrian border, 200 miles to the west. When the marines moved into one city, the insurgents shifted to another. Elementary arithmetic showed there were not enough troops for the task. Yet the military chain of command never sent a formal request to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld for additional troops.

The commanders in the field were keenly aware that repeated offensives antagonized the Iraqis. "We must in all things be modest," General John P. Abizaid, who commanded all forces in the Central Command, had said. "We are an antibody in their culture."

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Haditha, a drab city of 100,000 on the Euphrates River 140 miles northwest of Baghdad, demanded a constant presence to protect its massive hydroelectric dam. The 3rd Battalion of the 4th Marine Regiment was sent to the city in March 2004. Battalion 3/4 had

experienced heavy fights during the 2003 invasion and had hauled down Saddam's statue in Firdos Square, an image seen around the world. The battle-tested battalion flooded Haditha with hundreds of four-man foot patrols. Insurgents who responded with their standard "shoot and scoot" tactics were chased down by squads of marines. Although the mayor had been assassinated the previous summer, the insurgents were not well organized. A platoon was ordered to combine forces with the local police; Lieutenant Matt Danner, the platoon commander, moved his men into the police station. Joint patrols became the norm.

The joint patrol, known as a Combined Action Platoon, or CAP, was a counterinsurgent tactic from Vietnam, where squads of fourteen marines lived for a year or more with local militias of about thirty farmers. In my CAP south of DaNang in 1966 we engaged in firefights every night for the first few months. Then the shooting petered out as the villagers, coming to trust us, betrayed local guerrillas and began to point out strangers. In Haditha, this pattern was repeated. When the first marines arrived, fights broke out every third night; six months later, they were down to twice a month. Danner had hit on an elementary axiom of guerrilla warfare: once the police in the CAP were accepted by the population as the strongest fighting force, information flowed to them. As the Iraqis in the police force became more self-confident, they became more aggressive and more effective.

Then, on March 31, four American contractors were lynched in Fallujah, a city of 300,000 ninety miles southeast of Haditha. Rumsfeld ordered the Marines to attack the city, with the concurrence of Bremer and the military high command. The division commander, Major General James N. Mattis—"Mad Dog" to his admiring grunts—demurred. His strategy, he said, was to repeat the success of Haditha and move in "as soft as fog," supporting and reinvigorating the demoralized local police.

Washington overrode General Mattis's objections and the Marines went in. Simultaneously, Bremer decided that coalition forces should move against the dangerous Shiite demagogue Muqtada al-Sadr. American troops were thus engaged on two fronts—against Sunnis west of Baghdad, and against Shites in Baghdad and to the south. Calls for jihad swept across Anbar province, and insurgents besieged Baghdad, reducing it to a few days of fuel and fresh food.

To finish the fight in Fallujah, Mattis called Battalion 3/4 down from Haditha. "Some of the jundis in my Combined Action Platoon were up for the fight," Danner recalled, referring to the Iraqis who had joined forces with his platoon. "I told them they had to guard Haditha and that we'd be back for them. They wanted to come with us. We had lived together, fought together." While the Iraqis in Danner's CAP volunteered for Fallujah, other Iraqi soldiers around the country mutinied to avoid going there.

Televised images of the house-to-house fighting in Fallujah stirred anger across Iraq. After three weeks of fighting and confused negotiations, just as Mattis was squeezing the insurgents into a corner, Bremer, concerned about a degenerating political situation, persuaded the White House to pull the Marines out of Fallujah. When the order came through, Danner and his men were bewildered. "Fallujah and the Sunnis out west are a sideshow," a senior Pentagon official told me at the time. "We have to get the Shites to agree to an interim government in return for early elections."

Within a month, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and other jihadists had taken control of Fallujah. To the south, al-Sadr was cornered, but American officials in Baghdad decided not to arrest him. He slunk away, to emerge later as the leader of the most dangerous Shiite militia in Iraq.

Danner and his men returned to Haditha in early May and resumed living downtown with the police. "Most of the police we lived with were local Sunnis," Danner said. "A few were tough enough to stand on their own, but 80 percent needed to know we Americans were there with them and would back them up."

In late summer, Danner's battalion rotated home, and Battalion 1/8 moved into the Haditha area. Fresh from the States and eager, the new marines continued the joint policing and patrolled vigorously. Word of how Americans had fought in Fallujah had spread, and the insurgents avoided the new marines, targeting instead the Iraqi soldiers.

"Haditha was sinister," Corporal Timothy Connors, a squad leader in Battalion 1/8, said.

"On some blocks, people would wave. But mostly they ignored us, like we weren't even there. You could sense something was going on, but no one dared shoot at us." The hearts and minds of the Sunni residents had not been won over, but the insurgents did not challenge the superior force.

In October 2004, one month before the U.S. election, Battalion 1/8 was called away from Haditha to prepare for a second battle of Fallujah. The White House had made a terrible mistake in not letting the Marines finish in April. At the time, Mattis had cited a quote from Napoleon to his field marshal: "If you're going to take Vienna, then by God, sir, take it!" Delay played to the advantage of the defenders, and Fallujah was now held by 2,000 die-hard jihadists. To take the city, American forces were stripped from other cities across the province. After most residents had left, ten battalions fought block to block in a ferocious urban slugfest. The deeper the marines penetrated into the city, the fewer civilians they encountered and the tougher the fighting became, with jihadists hiding among the 30,000 buildings, waiting to kill the first American to open the door. The 3rd Platoon's bloody room-to-room fight in the House From Hell was typical of the savagery of Fallujah II.

Many of the jihadists, including leaders such as al-Zarqawi, fled Fallujah before the fight and regrouped in the cities the Americans had vacated. In Haditha, two weeks after Battalion 1/8's departure, insurgents captured the police station and executed twenty-one policemen, including the police chief. With the police knocked out, the insurgents became the de facto government. The deputy police chief gathered his family and fled to Baghdad.

"He was a good man," Danner said. "The November battle in Fallujah pulled the rug out from under the police. We left them on their own. Without moral support, they collapsed."

It wasn't until late 2004 that General George W. Casey Jr., who had taken command of the coalition forces in Iraq that summer, issued a campaign plan that focused on counterinsurgency, emphasizing the need for a genuine partnership with Iraqi forces. He inherited a military mess. Sunni jihadists had gathered strength by appealing to tribal religiosity. They preached that Americans were infidels crusading against Muslims and raising a Shiite army that would oppress the Sunnis. This greatly complicated the counterinsurgency task, because the Sunnis had to be persuaded that the new Iraqi army was secular and not sectarian.

In early 2005, the Marines launched an extended campaign in Anbar province to pry the Euphrates River valley, which runs 200 miles from Syria to Baghdad, loose from the insurgents. The intent was to chop up the "rat line" that allowed foreign fighters to slip in from Syria. Some unkindly compared the effort to the carnival game of Whac-a-Mole: until there were sufficient Iraqi forces to occupy the Sunni cities, the Americans could only jab and punch to keep the insurgents off balance.

In March, the Marines swept through Haditha as part of this operation, searching door to door. The insurgents slipped away. When the Marines left, the insurgents returned, rounded up nineteen remaining Iraqi police, marched them to the soccer stadium, and publicly executed them. A few days earlier, they had assassinated the new police chief and three of his family members.

The Marines responded by again stationing a full battalion in the area, Battalion 3/25, a reserve unit from Ohio. The cycle of hope, followed by abandonment, followed by executions and reprisals had worn down the population. This time the city council refused to meet with the Americans. Instead, a delegation asked that no pro-government messages be played by the local radio station. The surviving Sunni police had fled. The Associated Press quoted the American colonel in charge of the Haditha area as saying, "What I need most now is someone who can say, 'This is a good guy, and this is a bad guy.'"

In August an English newspaper, The Guardian, smuggled an Iraqi journalist into Haditha. He slipped out to report that the city was tightly controlled by two terrorist gangs, one answering to al-Zarqawi and the other to a local radical. Executions of suspected spies had become a sport to entertain the crowds. When the Americans drove by on patrol, no one would point out an insurgent.

Battalion 3/25 stayed in Haditha for seven months and suffered some horrific losses. An IED killed fourteen marines in a single blast in August, the worst such explosion to date



in the war. Efforts to recruit yet another local police force came to naught. The Americans patrolled the sullen streets alone.

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That was the environment Battalion 3/1 inherited in the fall of 2005. A year earlier, Grapes's men had fought their way through Fallujah, often destroying houses in a city largely devoid of civilians. Haditha was their first redeployment since then, after a few months retraining back at Camp Pendleton in the States. Grapes and several of the officers who'd fought by his side in Fallujah had gone back to civilian life; the platoon had new leaders, some of whom had not seen combat.

After Fallujah, the veterans of the House From Hell, like other battle-scarred marines, had their own way of looking at houses on a street. "I don't like to say it, but after a while, when you have the rifle, and you see how the Iraqis look at you and how they live," said Corporal Connors, "then some of our guys feel superior—like the people in Haditha or Fallujah aren't quite human like us. You don't think of them the same way. That's not right, but it does happen."

On the morning of November 19, 2005, a thirteen-man squad mounted in four Humvees turned a corner and—boom!—the fourth Humvee in the column disappeared in a red flash and a thick cloud of smoke and dust. A popular lance corporal, Miguel "T.J." Terrazas, was killed—ripped apart—and two other marines were badly burned.

Back at battalion headquarters, streaming video from an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle circling overhead showed a confused situation, with marines at various locations maneuvering amid radio chatter indicating incoming fire. The remaining ten men in Terrazas's squad approached a car that had stopped nearby. When the five men inside started to flee, the marines shot and killed them. The squad leader later reported that his men took fire from a nearby house. They assaulted first one house, and then a second. When the battle was over, fourteen Iraqi men, four women, and six children had been killed.

The tragedy was followed by eight months of investigations. Iraqis claim that enraged marines executed the civilians. Defense lawyers claim the deaths were accidents that occurred while the men were following the Rules of Engagement for clearing rooms when under fire. The ROE stipulate the circumstances under which a soldier may employ deadly force. In the Fallujah battle, Battalion 3/1 was fighting so fiercely that reporters referred to the ROE as "Enter every room with a boom." But in Haditha, unlike Fallujah, there were civilians in the room.

Time magazine broke the Haditha story in March and presented a balanced report. Then, on May 17, Representative John P. Murtha held a press conference and declared that the troops "killed innocent civilians in cold blood." As the leading advocate for an immediate withdrawal from Iraq, Murtha advanced his own agenda by acting as judge and jury.

After Murtha's incendiary remarks, Haditha captured worldwide attention. Many commentators leaped to conclusions. The European press gloatingly linked Haditha to the massacre at My Lai in Vietnam, but My Lai was on a much larger scale, with implications that the high command looked the other way. If in the coming months the press does transpose the killings at Haditha into a metaphor for the war—as happened with My Lai—the consequences will be tremendous, and misleading.

A central issue in the Haditha tragedy is whether the marines deliberately shot civilians, or whether they threw grenades into the room first, creating clouds of dust that obscured the presence of civilians. If the latter was the case, a further issue is whether the Rules of Engagement permitted such an action. Forty investigators have worked for months to determine what happened. It remains for the military justice system to sort through the chaos of battle and reach a conclusion about individual guilt or innocence.

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Many more than a handful of young marines will be on trial as the Haditha killings are adjudicated. It is too soon to judge these men, but it is not too soon to judge the high command and the underlying policies governing the conduct of the war. As Americans, we have been fighting the war the wrong way. Haditha degenerated due to a lack of security manpower, both American and Iraqi. We didn't have sufficient troops in Anbar province, and

those we did have were shifted to fight a battle provoked by feckless senior leadership. The hardened veterans of Fallujah were sent into Haditha to operate in isolation from the Iraqis, rather than in combined units, as counterinsurgency doctrine demands. We left our squads to fight alone for too long on a treacherous battlefield.

Three years after the president declared victory, our military is struggling to keep a semblance of order, with scant ability to shape decisions in Washington or Baghdad. General Casey is directing a sound campaign to improve the Iraqi army, but the time has come for more radical change. When, in 1969, U.S. Army General Creighton Abrams directed a campaign to invigorate the South Vietnamese army, military skills did not prevail against political turmoil. Given the persistence of Sunni versus Shiite mass murders, military logic calls for martial law and for placing the untrustworthy police under the control of the Iraqi army. But Iraqi politicians prefer to keep the police under local control, shared with Sunni insurgents and Shiite militias, and President Bush has chosen to praise rather than to pressure Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

Regardless of how the war began, we are now locked in a struggle to the death against fanatical murderers.

We may yet prevail in Iraq by persistence and the weight of resources. But our military, singularly unimaginative in developing the right tactics to beat an insurgency it refused for over a year to recognize, has some hard thinking to do about how to fight the long war against Islamic extremists.

As the legal proceedings play out, we should have empathy for those young marines who were involved.

Empathy should not cloud judgment or excuse wrongdoing. To consciously kill a child or, in a rage, execute unarmed men and women would be a criminal act meriting punishment and dishonor. But the world of an infantryman is unlike any other, and a soldier's motivations in battle are hard to judge from the outside looking in.

President Bush initiated the war by authorizing a massive air strike against Dora Farms, outside Baghdad, because one CIA agent said Saddam was there.

The civilians who were at Dora were injured and killed; Saddam was not there. In July, Israeli aircraft bombed a housing complex in Lebanon, because Hezbollah rockets were believed to be there.

Thirty-seven children died in that bombing.

Civilian casualties are accepted as inevitable in high-tech, standoff warfare. The infantryman does not stand off. He opens the door, enters the house, and, like Sergeant Norwood, is often posthumously praised.

The grunt must make instant, difficult choices in the heat of battle. He must keep his honor clean and resist the sin of wrath when fighting an enemy who hides among compliant civilians. Those of higher rank must resist the sin of pride, lest they act impulsively because they are removed from the gore of battle. And we must also be careful not to twist Haditha into a larger symbol that demeans the sacrifice of those very, very few who volunteer to be riflemen.

In his defining new book, *War Made New*, the military historian Max Boot has written that "the most important military unit in the emergence of modern states was the humble infantryman." For two decades, the Pentagon has neglected the infantry, believing that high technology would win wars. Today, American forces have more combat aircraft than infantry squads, and more combat pilots than squad leaders. Fully 75 percent of our Army and Marine infantry leave the military after their four-year tour. They receive no pension, a tiny educational stipend, and no immediately transferable skills.

Of all those who serve our country, the humble foot soldiers sacrifice the most for the rest of us. They don't see it that way, of course. They have each other; they are their own tribe. General Casey told me that he has talked to dozens of grunts about Haditha. "Universally," he said, "they tell me, 'We hope our brothers get a fair shake.'"

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<http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/200610/haditha>.

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Do You Yahoo!?

(b)(6)

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 3:36 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Re: Simmons

What is downings flight status? He is key.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Fri Sep 15 03:35:03 2006  
**Subject:** Re: Simmons

Can't figure out how to call emirates air from here to make sure it took off. He was flying direct from jfk to dubai (same flight that wayne missed I'm assuming). I will have to walk over to the counter and check on it. Chatting with mnf-i.... They almost had a heart attack -- when they saw wayne, they thought downing. Now that would be a nightmare!

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Fri Sep 15 03:29:18 2006  
**Subject:** Re: Simmons

Lol. Any news on garretts flight.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Fri Sep 15 03:19:48 2006  
**Subject:** Re: Simmons

Fabo... So's the guy with the giraffe. Uh, excuse me sir, is that a giraffe in your bag or are you just happy to see me??? :)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Fri Sep 15 03:18:05 2006  
**Subject:** Re: Simmons

West is here.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Fri Sep 15 03:03:50 2006  
**Subject:** Re: Simmons

In the lounge. Trying to get a handle on west. He was on virgin air into london, but I can't find the flight number... He is tall and skinny with blonde hair. Light skin, light eyes. Just imagine another peter rodman, but a little better looking. :)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA

To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
Sent: Fri Sep 15 02:59:13 2006  
Subject: Re: Simmons

I did with a note that this is why we need dedicated air. What does bing west look like. He's on this flight right? Any luck on checking on our other 4? You find your lounge?

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
Sent: Fri Sep 15 02:57:59 2006  
Subject: Re: Simmons

Hi. Did you forward to ab?? Or would you like me to?

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: wssinter (b)(6)  
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
Sent: Fri Sep 15 00:36:30 2006  
Subject: Simmons

Dallas (b)(6)

Delta Airlines grounded its planes in Baltimore and JFK causing a 4 1/2 hour delay of my flight #6006 at 7:00 p.m. Consequently, missed Emirates connection at 11:00 p.m. from JFK to Dubai and Kuwait. No flights allowing me to arrive before Saturday 16 Sept at 4:00 p.m., only prudent to cancel. Very pissed off and disappointed. Have a safe trip.  
Wayne

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Check out the new AOL <<http://pr.atwola.com/promoclk/1615326657x4311227241x4298082137/aol?redir=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Eaol%2Ecom%2Fnewaol>> . Most comprehensive set of free safety and security tools, free access to millions of high-quality videos from across the web, free AOL Mail and more.

(b)(6)

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 12:26 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CTR, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Re:

He has 6

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CTR, OASD-PA  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thu Sep 14 12:22:59 2006  
**Subject:** RE:

How many did you want me to pick up?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 12:13 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) SPC SD; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CTR, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Re:

(b)(6) can you please pick these up for me before 2. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) SPC SD  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thu Sep 14 10:55:13 2006  
**Subject:** RE:

I can do some coins for you, let me know how many so I can set them out.

V/R,

SPC (b)(6)  
SecDef Protocol  
Room (b)(2) The Pentagon  
W (b)(2)

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 10:53 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) SPC SD  
**Subject:** FW:

hi (b)(6)

please see below from dallas.  
thanks

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 10:52 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:**

(b)(6) can you please forward this to spc (b)(6) in protocol I dont have his address on my blackberry

Spc

(b)(6)

Today I am leading a trip of retired military analysts to Iraq for the week to interact directly with our troops and then come back to report on TV the progress. Very high visibility.

Several junior officers and senior enlisted in Iraq went above and beyond to make this trip happen - a high priority for SecDef. Without their efforts it would not have happened.

I would like to take a few SecDef coins (and I can tell you the names of who will get them) to thank them for their help and to keep goodwill for our next trip in a few months.

If coins are not doable, I'd like to look at getting a few of the SecDef nice pens or cuff links today.

Please let me know how best to do this. I have run this by Mrs. Barber and she has approved the request. Thanks again.

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6) MAJ 124TH CPIC (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 11:12 AM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Cc:** (b)(6) LTC CPIC DIRECTOR; (b)(6) LTC MNFI STRATEFF; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** (b)(6) MAJ MNC-I PAO Chief Media Relations  
[U] Embed following Defense Analyst Trip

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Sir,

I am working with Mr Bing West on his follow on embed at the conclusion of his trip with you. We have everything in place for his embed and been working with MNSTC-I and MNC-I to get everything coordinated.

His embed looks to be on track and there is not any impeding issues.

I have not been working the follow on visit of Col McCausland. However, I have been told by the MNC-I PA Office that he has been invited to stay by LTG Chirelli. They are working some more pressing issues at this time and will provide me more clarification by tomorrow.

As of this time, I don't know what the status of Col McCausland is with MNC-I.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

v.r.

MAJ (b)(6)

(b)(6)

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From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 11:06 AM  
To: (b)(6) SPC SD  
Subject: Re:

6 would be ideal. I will return any not used.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) SPC SD  
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
Sent: Thu Sep 14 10:55:13 2006  
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Please let me know how best to do this. I have run this by mrs barber and she has approved the request. Thanks again matt.

(b)(6)

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 10:52 AM  
**To:** 'westf@'(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: (b)(6)

And iraq has this?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bing West  
**To:** (b)(6) Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Thu Sep 14 10:50:24 2006  
**Subject:**

Here is letter re: my work for Atlantic Monthly while in Iraq.

(b)(6)

From: Bing West [westbing@(b)(6)]  
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 9:35 AM  
To: Dan Mandel; (b)(6)  
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
Subject: Fwd: [U] Editor's letter,  
Attachments: pat128763723

Dan -- can you please wne Maj (b)(6) the letter certifying I am working as a journalist? Tx Bing

(b)(6) -- I am en route to Dulles; do not know how to send scanned signed of ground rules; can I sign and hand them to someone in Kuwait?

(b)(6) MAJ 124TH CPIC (b)(6) wrote:

Subject: [U] Editor's letter,  
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 14:09:55 +0400  
From: (b)(6) MAJ 124TH CPIC (b)(6)  
To: "Bing West" <westbing@(b)(6)>

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Bing,

Looks like everything is coming together, but we still need a current letter from your editor.

We have you going to Taji on 19 Oct from the Liberty LZ with a return back later that day.

I am still waiting on the final check from MND-Baghdad on the link ups for the 1-61<sup>st</sup> Cav Embed.

And the Marines know you are coming...

I will probably give your credential to LT Col (b)(6) to give to you while you are on the Defense Analyst portion of your trip. That way you will not have to come to the IZ.

But I will need you to send us a copy of your letter and a scanned signed copy of the ground rules.

Thanks,

(b)(6)  
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4/9/2008

**Multi-National Forces - Iraq**  
**Combined Press Information Center**  
**International Zone**  
**Baghdad, Iraq**

**NEWS MEDIA GROUND RULES (IAW Change 3, DoD Directive 5122.5)**

**Ground Rules Agreement**

The following is a listing of ground rules that have been developed to protect members of the Armed Services from the release of information that could potentially threaten their security or safety during combat operations. These ground rules recognize the inherent right of the media to cover combat operations and are in no way intended to prevent release of embarrassing, negative or derogatory information. During an operation, specific information on friendly force troop movements, tactical deployments, and dispositions that would jeopardize operational security or lives will not be reported. This would include unit designations, names of operations, and size of friendly forces involved, until released by the operational unit or Multi-National Forces - Iraq.

Acceptance of these ground rules is an agreement between you and the granting commands. You agree to follow the ground rules and the command will provide support, access to service members, information and other privileges. Violation of ground rules may result in the revocation of your credentials.

These ground rules apply to media reporting with MNF-I, to include Iraqi Security Forces under operation control of the Coalition

- (1) All interviews with service members will be on the record unless otherwise stated by the designated PAO.
- (2) At MNF-I tactical or field locations and encampments, a public affairs escort may be required because of security, safety and mission requirements as determined by the host commander. Media will remain with military escorts and follow instructions regarding their activities at all times, until released.
- (3) Media must be physically fit and able to carry their own equipment/gear. If, in the opinion of the commander, a media representative is unable to withstand the rigorous conditions required to operate with the forward deployed forces, he/she will be medically evacuated out of the area.
- (4) Possession of weapons while embedding or reporting is not authorized.
- (5) Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages while embedded or reporting is not authorized.
- (6) Possession of pornographic material while embedded or reporting is not authorized.
- (7) Filing of MNF-I security badges is not authorized.

(8) While in transit to and from an embed or unit visit, the media cannot act in a news gathering capacity. Filming, interviewing or photographing on any installation or transportation assets is not authorized unless approved and escorted by a public affairs officer responsible for that area.

(9) Reporting inside of the International Zone is not authorized without approval and escort by CPIC personnel, to include interviews, news gathering, filming and photographing.

(10) Media pool products will be made available to all accredited media (U.S. and others) on an equitable, no-fee basis. Media pool coordinators and bureau chiefs will be responsible for distributing media pool products.

(11) Media will not be prohibited from covering casualties provided the following conditions are adhered to:

(a) Names, video, identifiable written/oral descriptions or identifiable photographs of wounded service members will not be released without the service member's prior written consent.

(b) DOD will release names of KIAs. In respect for family members, names or images clearly identifying individuals "killed in action" will not be released. Names of KIAs may be released 24 hours after next of kin have been notified.

(12) Light discipline restrictions will be followed. No visible light source, including flash lights and television lights, will be used when operating with forces at night unless specifically approved by the on-scene commander.

(13) The media will adhere to the following guidelines to ensure operational security.

(a) Media who are provided access to classified information during the process of covering stories shall be informed, in advance, of the restrictions on the use or disclosure of such classified material.

(b) Embargos may be imposed to protect operational security.

(c) If a commander grants media access to classified material, the media will ensure no classified information is inadvertently released.

(d) Disagreements shall be referred to the next level of command and editors for resolution.

(14) The following categories of information are not releasable by the by the media since the publication or broadcast of such information could jeopardize operations and endanger lives.

(a) Any specific numerical information on troop strength, aircraft, weapon systems, equipment or supplies to include amounts of ammunition or fuel moved. Unit size may be described as "company size" "multi-battalion," "naval task force," or "carrier battle group." Number or amount of equipment and supplies may be described in general terms such as "large," "small," or "many."

(b) Information that reveals details of future and/or ongoing operations.

(c) Information, photography or imagery that would reveal the specific location of military forces or show the level of security at military installations or encampments.

(d) Details of rules of engagement or force protection measures.

(e) Information on intelligence collection activities, including targets, methods and results.

(f) During an operation, specific information on friendly force troop movements, tactical deployments and dispositions, to include unit designations, names of operations, tactics and size of friendly forces involved, until released by the appropriate general officer level command.

(g) Location of mission aircraft points of origin, other than "land based" or "carrier based." Number and type of aircraft points of origin, other than "land based," "many," "few," "fighters" or "fixed wing."

(h) Information on effectiveness of enemy techniques, tactics and procedures including camouflage, cover, deception, targeting, direct and indirect fire, intelligence collection, security measures, electronic warfare and improvised explosive devices.

(i) Information on missing or downed aircraft or missing ships while search and rescue operations are planned or underway.

(j) Information on special operations units, to include their operations, methodology or tactics.

(k) Information on operational, tactical or support vulnerabilities that could be used against MNF-I and/or Iraqi Security Forces to include improvised explosive devices.

(l) No photographs or other visual media showing detainees' or prisoners' recognizable face, nametag or other identifying feature or item.

(m) No demeaning photographs or visual media will be taken of detainees in a manner that makes the individuals an object of public curiosity or subject to public ridicule.

(n) No interviews with detainees are authorized.

(o) An tactics, techniques and procedures witnessed during operations unless released by a field grade commander, to include IED defeating tactics, techniques and procedures.

(15) Additional guidelines and/or ground rules may be imposed by the local command to protect tactical security.

**Agreement of Reimbursement**

1. I understand that covering combat and other military operations may require that I be provided certain items not locally available or convenient due to combat conditions. These items may include, but are not limited to, meals and air travel into and within the theater of operations.

2. I agree to reimburse the Multi-National Force - Iraq for any items it may provide me while I am in the area of operations.

3. I understand that my agreement to this statement is a condition of being credentialed to cover MNF-I Military operations and receiving assistance for that coverage.

**Hold Harmless/Release From Liability Statement**

1. I realize that covering security and security operations carries with it certain inherent risks to life, limb and equipment.

2. I recognize that MNF-I forces in pursuing the successful accomplishment of their missions, cannot guarantee my personal safety or the safety of my equipment.

3. In my capacity as an authorized representative, I understand and agree that I, and the business, company or enterprise that I represent, will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless and release, acquit and forever discharge the MNF-I Forces of any liability for any injuries I may suffer or any damage to any equipment that may occur as a result of my presence in the Iraq theater of operations.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Job \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the aforementioned media ground rules and agree to abide by them. I also understand that violation of these ground rules may result in suspension or revocation of my MNF-I media credentials and expulsion from MNF-I operational areas and installations. I further understand that if I violate these terms, the media organization I am representing may be held accountable for my actions, which could include forfeiting the privilege of sponsoring media for MNF-I press credentials in the future.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

CPIC Staff

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Initial \_\_\_\_\_

(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 8:30 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Phone Call

**Importance:** High

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0826 - Jed Babbin @ (b)(6)

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*Administrative Support Assistant*

*OASD Public Affairs*

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*Fax:* (b)(2)

(b)(6)

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2006 4:04 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: RE: [U] Bing West ItinerarySept 06

Doh!

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

United States Department of Defense

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-----Original Message-----

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2006 3:57 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: RE: [U] Bing West ItinerarySept 06

fyi, he is not a general. former asd. :) tj

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**To:** 'Bing West'  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
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General,

I have spoken to Iraq and let them know that I need some official notification from MG Caldwell's team that as of Monday, September 18th CPIC is taking you on as a media embed, and your orders as an OSD DV expire and you are now on their dime. I know this seems laborious, however, I simply can not leave you in country unless I have official notification you will be taken care of. I have asked them to get this to me, and if you have any ability to push it from your end, that would be wonderful.

I know we can make this work.

Best,

Dallas B. Lawrence  
Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison United States Department of Defense

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bing West [mailto:westbing@(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2006 3:08 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** Fwd: RE: [U] Bing West ItinerarySept 06

are we set, or do you need additional info? Tx Bing

--- Bing West <westbing@(b)(6)> wrote:

> Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 15:09:33 -0700 (PDT)

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> From: Bing West <westbing@(b)(6)>  
> Subject: RE: [U] Bing West ItinerarySept 06  
> To: (b)(6) MAJ 124TH CPIC  
> <william.willhoite@iraq.centcom.mil>  
>  
> (b)(6) once the osd group leaves, it is best that I move as a CPIC  
> correspondent to avoid confusion. My letters from publishers are on  
> file; I will have another sent to me and e mail to you. Best, Bing  
>  
> --- (b)(6) MAJ 124TH CPIC  
> (b)(6) wrote:  
>  
> > Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
> >  
> > Bing,  
> >  
> > Your itinerary is definitely workable. I will forward to MNF-W (LTC  
> > Salas) to let him work the request from his end.  
> >  
> > To clarify things and to ask a couple more questions, will you be  
> > conducting any OSD consulting information  
> > gathering  
> > as a function of  
> > your trip? If so, we will ask that you travel on your DOD ID while  
> > you are in Iraq. If you are not gathering any information for DOD,  
> > we will need to get you a CPIC Credential.  
> >  
> > It is probably easier for you to travel as a DOD consultant, but if  
> > you need to have a CPIC Credential, please have one  
> > your  
> > publishers provide  
> > us a letter as attached.  
> >  
> > I hope to hear from you soon.  
> >  
> > v.r.  
> > (b)(6)  
> >  
> > (b)(6)  
> > MAJ, Public Affairs  
> > Press Desk Director  
> > Coalition Press Information Center, MNF-Iraq  
> > Office (b)(2)  
> > DSN: (b)(6)  
> > Mobile: (b)(6)  
> > Iraqna: (b)(6)  
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> > www.mnf-iraq.com  
> >  
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> > From: Bing West [mailto:westbing@(b)(6)]  
> > Sent: Monday, September 11, 2006 7:06 PM  
> > To: (b)(6) MAJ 124TH CPIC  
> > Subject: RE: [U] Bing West ItinerarySept 06  
> >  
> > (b)(6) re visit coordination, how about if  
> > we  
> > use this sched as  
> > our base and adapt to weather: 18 sept PM - West  
> > cut  
> > free from OSD  
> > group. goes to COIN school night of 18 Sept or day of 19 Sept. On 20  
> > Sept. is picked up by humvee in victory or BIAP by 1-61st (LTC  
> > Winski, CO, is CC'd on this e mail) and dropped back off  
> > on  
> > evening of 22d.

> > Later on the night of 22 or early AM of 23, West goes by helo to  
> > Fallujah.  
> > would like to pay my respects to (b)(6) or (b)(6) and Col  
> > (b)(6) and spend some time with C 1/25 if they are still in the  
> > city, and spend time with a MITT. Then leave night of 24 Sept or  
> > early AM 25 Sept via helo to Ramadi. Go direct to the Marine bn in  
> > the city.  
> > Leave Ramadi night of 29 Sept or early AM 30th and go to Asad. Pay  
> > my respects to Col Crowe if not an inconvenience and  
> > go  
> > to Haditha and stay  
> > with (b)(6) (LtCol (b)(6)) and/or 3/3 (LTC (b)(6)) Leave  
> > Haditha/Asad night of 3 Oct/or 4 Oct early AM to Qaim; leave  
> > Qaim  
> > night of 7 Oct or  
> > early AM 8 oct and visit LtCol (b)(6)  
> > at  
> > Habineah (3/2?) and  
> > return to Kuwait evening of 11 Oct. This leaves a few days slack for  
> > delays, as my flight is on the 14th.  
> >  
> > For travel, I have both a DOD ID card and secret clearance as a  
> > consultant to OSD, and a passport and a press ID card. I will travel  
> > in and out of Kuwait via my DOD ID card. That is  
> > easier  
> > than obtaining a  
> > temp visa. I will not be returning, obviously,  
> > with  
> > the OSD group. My  
> > return flight from Kuwait is via United 915, a Lufthansa connection  
> > from Kuwait at 0125 on 14 Oct.  
> >  
> > My CPIC press card # is (b)(6) expired (b)(6)  
> >  
> > Thank you, Bing West  
> >  
> > (b)(6) MAJ 124TH CPIC  
> > (b)(6) wrote:  
> >  
> > > Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
> > >  
> > > Using the DOD card will make everything so much  
> > > easier. So we will  
> > > have you fly out on 13 Oct...  
> > >  
> > > Thanks,  
> > > (b)(6)  
> > >  
> > > -----Original Message-----  
> > > From: Bing West [mailto:westbing@(b)(6)]  
> > > Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2006 9:39 PM  
> > > To: (b)(6) MAJ 124TH CPIC  
> > > Subject: RE: [U] Bing West ItinerarySept 06  
> > >  
> > > (b)(6) --- Umm. 2 day lead time back in Kuwait  
> > > is  
> > > too much for me to  
> > > take. If I get there on 13 Oct, that will be  
> > > fine.  
> > > If I miss the flight,  
> > > my bad. I will then get that 2d day hanging  
> > > around  
> > > and fuming at  
> > > myself!  
> > >  
> > > Re credentials, I will have both a passport and

> my  
> > DOD card. I plan to  
> >  
> > > .come into Kuwait on my DOD card, and to exit on  
> my  
> > DOD card.  
> > >  
> > > Best, Bing  
> > >  
> > > --- (b)(6) MAJ 124TH CPIC  
> > > (b)(6) wrote:  
> > >  
> > > > Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
> > > >  
> > > > Bing,  
> > > >  
> > > > Great, that was what I was planning on.  
> > > >  
> > > > I will let CFLLC (CPT (b)(6)) know that you  
> > > will  
> > > be coming their way  
> > > on about 12 Oct, this will give you a little  
> > > flex  
> > > in case of weather.  
> > > >  
> > > > Also, CFLLC will need to work your exit visa  
> > > because of the way you  
> > > > will enter Kuwait. If he has advance notice  
> he  
> > > can make sure that  
> > > > everything is set before you would arrive on  
> 12  
> > > Oct.  
> > > >  
> > > > I still need to know if you are traveling on  
> > > your  
> > > DOD Identification  
> > > > or will we have to get you media credentials?  
> > > >  
> > > > Thanks.  
> > > >  
> > > > (b)(6)  
> > > >  
> > > > -----Original Message----- (b)(6)  
> > > > From: Bing West (mailto:westbing@ma110) (b)(6)  
> > > > Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2006 6:07 PM  
> > > > To: (b)(6) MAJ 124TH CPIC  
> > > > Subject: RE: [U] Bing West ItinerarySept 06  
> > > >  
> > > > My flight back is commercial from Kuwait at  
> 1AM  
> > > on  
> > > > 14 Oct. I'd like to  
> > > > come back most direct route from MEF land. I  
> can  
> > > extend in MEF AO if  
> > > > situation dictates.  
> > > >  
> > > > TX Bing  
> > > >  
> > > > --- (b)(6) MAJ 124TH CPIC  
> > > > (b)(6) wrote:  
> > > >  
> > > > > Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
> > > > >  
> > > > > Bing,  
> > > > >  
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(b)(6)

**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 05, 2006 5:51 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Conference Call Tomorrow

**Attachments:** attebbe7.gif



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(b)(6) please make sure i get a copy of the transcript as soon as it's available. thanks.

**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 05, 2006 5:45 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Conference Call Tomorrow

Gentlemen,  
Please note, there was a mistake on the time for the conference call on the invitation. The call will take place from 12:30-1:00 p.m. In addition, DASD Stimson's updated biography has been attached.  
Thank you,

(b)(6)

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Retired Military Analysts

**From:** Dallas Lawrence  
Director, Community Relations and Public Liaison  
Office of the Secretary of Defense

Date: September 5, 2006

Re: **Conference Call with Senior DoD Officials**

We invite you to participate in a conference call, **WEDNESDAY, September 6, 2006, from 12:30-1:00 p.m.**

The topic of the conference call will be the release of DOD and Army directives for detainee programs.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Affairs Charles (Cully) Stimson and Mr. Thomas Gandy, Director for Human Intelligence, Foreign Disclosure and Security in the Office of the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence will brief you. (Their biographies are attached for your review.) This call will be On-the-Record.

To participate in this conference call, please dial (b)(2) and ask the operator to connect you to the Analysts conference call.

Please R.S.V.P. to (b)(6) at (b)(6) or call her at (b)(2)

We hope you are able to participate.

(b)(6)

OSD Public Affairs  
Community Relations and Public Liaison

(b)(2) The Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

(b)(2)

BIOGRAPHY  
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2  
UNITED STATES ARMY

THOMAS A. GANDY  
DIRECTOR  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE, HUMINT, FOREIGN DISCLOSURE  
AND SECURITY DIRECTORATE

Mr. Gandy assumed duties as Director, Human Intelligence (HUMINT), Counterintelligence, Foreign Disclosure and Security on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004.

Mr. Gandy graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1974, and earned a Masters of Science degree in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1984. His military training includes the Army Command and General Staff College and the National War College (School of Information Warfare and Strategy).

Mr. Gandy served 23 years in the U.S. Army. He served three years in Armor before transferring to Military Intelligence. As a Military Intelligence officer, Mr. Gandy has served in a variety of tactical and operational assignments in CONUS, Germany, and Central America. Mr. Gandy also served as a Program Manager at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and at the Defense Intelligence Agency. Mr. Gandy's prior civilian assignments include Chief Technology Officer of the Counterintelligence Field Activity (CIFA).

Mr. Gandy's positions in industry have focused upon advanced technology management and development to include development of collaboration and biometric technologies and systems.

## BIOGRAPHY

**CHARLES D. (Cully) STIMSON**  
**Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense**  
**Office of Detainee Affairs**  
**Office of the Secretary of Defense**



Mr. Stimson was named Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Affairs on January 23, 2006. Mr. Stimson is the primary policy advisor to the Secretary of Defense on detention policy and strategy and is the focal point for detainee matters within the Department.

An experienced career prosecutor, Mr. Stimson was an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia from 2002 until his appointment. He served in the Appellate, Domestic Violence, Felony Trial, and the Major Crimes sections. In 2004, he received a Department of Justice Special Achievement Award for Meritorious work in the Felony Trial Section. He has also served as a prosecutor in Maryland and California, and is an adjunct law professor at the George Mason University School of Law.

Mr. Stimson served three tours on active duty in the United States Navy as an officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG), including San Diego, London, England, and Jacksonville. On active duty, he was a prosecutor and defense counsel. He is a Commander in the Reserve Component of the U.S. Navy. As a reservist, he has served in Washington D.C., San Diego, and Hawaii, and he continues to serve as an instructor at the Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island. Mr. Stimson was the Joint Special Operations Task Force JAG as part of JTFX 2001 for Commander Naval Special Warfare Group Two, and has also deployed to Kenya, Africa as part of exercise Natural Fire 2000.

Previously a vice president of Marsh McLennan, Mr. Stimson headed the Washington, D.C. section of the Private Equity Mergers and Acquisitions practice. For the last 20 years, he has been actively involved in the C.D. Stimson Company located in Seattle, Washington. Mr. Stimson currently serves on the Executive Committee of the property management, real estate investment firm. He is the former Director of Admissions of Saint James School in Maryland.

Mr. Stimson earned his Bachelor of Arts in English from Kenyon College in 1986. He has studied at Harvard and at Exeter University in England. In 1992, he earned his Juris Doctorate from the George Mason University School of Law. Mr. Stimson is married and has two children.

(September 2006)



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**From:** (b)(6) TSgt OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 05, 2006 4:35 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Jed Babbin called at 1634. Column is up on real clear politics. (b)(6)

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 05, 2006 3:58 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Confirmation of 1230-1300 Military Analyst Call

Good to go.

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

United States Department of Defense

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
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hi. just wanted to let you know that they are moving forward with this. i did let her know this morning that i had to run it up my chain, but she's been moving out and has now confirmed the principals...

let me know how you'd like me to proceed.

thanks

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6) Capt OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 05, 2006 2:39 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Maj, OCPA; (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY; (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY; Vician, Todd M LtCol OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Carpenter, Joseph LCDR OSD PA  
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(b)(6)

I have received confirmation from both Mr. Stimson's office and Mr. Gandy's office that they will participate in the 1230-1300 Military Analyst Call tomorrow.

I have the proposed room number as (b)(2) please let me know if that room changes.

At the attachment, please find Mr. Stimson's bio. Mr. Gandy's is forthcoming

The interview will be on the record, since it's a follow-up to the press conference however, both interviewees still maintain the right to respond to any of the questions on background.

Thanks for your help.

(b)(6)

Captain, U.S. Marine Corps

OSD Press Operations

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 05, 2006 2:31 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: Military Analyst Call

i think stimson and gandy... waiting on bios from the pao.

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 05, 2006 2:31 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
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With whom?

Dallas B. Lawrence

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(b)(2)

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 05, 2006 2:30 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: Military Analyst Call

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 05, 2006 2:30 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Military Analyst Call

What time do they want to do it at tomorrow?

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

United States Department of Defense

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 05, 2006 1:29 PM  
**To:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
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**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Vician, Todd M LtCol OSD PA; Carpenter, Joseph LCDR OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY  
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Captain, U.S. Marine Corps

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 05, 2006 2:20 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA; Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Military Analyst Call

ok. standing by to stand by. :)  
thanks

(b)(6)

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 05, 2006 2:19 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Military Analyst Call

Thanks (b)(6) Lets please hold on the invite for the moment. More to follow

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

United States Department of Defense

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 05, 2006 1:22 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Sgt OSD PA  
**Subject:** FW: CSPAN - Press Conference on "Real Security"

please print this out. and can you please put it in 14 pt type? thanks.

**From:** (b)(6) CIV SD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 05, 2006 1:19 PM  
**To:** Latimer, Matthew Mr OSD PA; Rangel, Robert CIV SD; Wilkie, Robert, CIV, OSD-LA; Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; (b)(6) OSD LA; (b)(6) CIV OSD LA; (b)(6) CIV OSD LA  
**Subject:** FW: CSPAN - Press Conference on "Real Security"

FYI

#### **CSPAN - Dem Press Conference on "Real Security"**

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SENATE MINORITY LEADER HARRY REID: my study has changed dramatically from yesterday, as i left search light, watching my quail, rabbits devouring my plants, to be here. But i'm glad to be back. We're ready to have the issues joined and go to work. In february of 2003, president bush said as follows: success in iraq could begin a new stage for mill eastern peace. The passing of saddam hussein's regime will deprive terrorist networks of a wealthy patron that pays for terrorist training and offers reward to families for suicide bombs. Other regime will be begin a clear warning -- will be given a clear warning that support for terror will not be tolerated. That's what president bush said to them. But here's where we are now. Terrorist attacks around the world have increased by more than four had you been%. Regime in iran, north korea, and of course, syria have destabilized the middle east and the world. North korea has quadrupled its nuclear arsenal. The united states military has been stretched to levels not seen since vietnam. The facts do not lie. Unthe bush administration, and this republican congress, america is less safe, facing greater threats and unprepared for a dangerous world in which we live. Today, thanks to the efforts of the third way organization, senate democrats are releasing a report that examines by the number bush national security failure. This is a substantive report. It is a good report. And i invite all of you to study it. The report is a stunning indictment of the bush foreign policy. And it makes the case for a new direction. We need to keep america safe. I'm honored to have former supreme allied commander for europe, general wesley clark with us today as well as senators durbin, leader hoyer, here durbin, senator carper, who is instrumental in creating the third wave. Tom, thank you very much for your work in this regard. They understand it requires more than tough talk. It require tough and smart strategies to protect the american people. We also, of course, have with us, she is as i've already told her, will be batting clean-up today. Sharon burke, who is the director of the third way foreign policy. General clark?

RETIRED GENERAL WESLEY CLARK: Senator reid, thank you very much for the opportunity to be here today and with your colleague. Of course, i'm not in electricity office. I spent 38 years in uniform. I fought in

vietnam, came home on a stretcher, stayed on in uniform to help rebuild the american army and to help make national security policy. I've help negotiate peace agreements, i've led alliance military forces and successful military campaigns. I've got a background in diplomacy, war, and the use of military force. And it is from that basis that i would like to speak today. In complain language, invading iraq was a mistake. A strategic blunder. A step, a major step in the wrong direction for winning the war on terror. It is time for america to face the facts. Invading iraq was an unnecessary war. It distracted us from what we were trying to accomplish in afghanistan and it has been counterproductive in winning the war on terror. Today, as a result of failed administration, american policies, we've lost over 2600 soldiers and marines in iraq. We spent over \$300 billion with maybe a trillion or more on the line. We've seriously damaged our arm forces. You can read about it all in this great report from third way. But we're bog down there. We've reduced our diplomatic leverage raul. And despite all the trumpeting of patriotism by this administration, this administration and the republican leadership in the congress have weakened our country and made americans less safe at home. Those are the facts. And we anyto face them as americans. We need a change in course. And that's got to start with the change in the leadership in congress. I believe the leader that you see here in the united states congress and the others will help put us on the right course for success in the war on terror. They know that to win, you've got to make more friends than enemy in the world.

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They know that to win, you've got to make more friends than enemy in the world. They know that you've got to strengthen relations with other countries, that you've got to talk to people you don't necessarily agree with. And that you've got to use all the elements of military power and america' diplomatic strength, and international law and law enforcement. Bringing it all gets to succeed in the war on terrorism. They're not soft and they're tough minded and they're determine to win. By the way, these are also the leaders that we 93 need to succeed in curbing the threat of nuclear proliferation. We've hear the bush administration talk for three years about iran and north korea korea. But they won't talk directly to them. What i hear is the beating tom toms of another military action taking form against iran. And it is it is time that the american government step forward and talk to people we disagree with before we start dropping bombs on them. We need to rebull our armed forces. We've suffered losses in iraq but we've ripped apart the materiel and we've really hurt the morale of the family structure that's critical in the arm forces of the united states. Our men and women in uniform have done a terrific job. They're great people and they're sucking it up. But they need help from our government and from our government's leaders. And they're not getting that help today. And finally, we 93 leadership in this congress that will help us face up to the long term challenges of competition in a global economy. You can't win that competition by trumpeting patriotism and military power alone. So i'm convinced the democratic party and the here's and the leaders here the best ones to do this. I want to make a special plea to my fellow believers in u.S. National security, our veterans, our policy analysts, the member and -- men and women associated with the armed forces because their spouses or their children or their father are involved in this. We've dedicated over 30 years since vietnam to rebuilding our arm forces. We've created a whole culture of national security. And i am calling on those people today, and my fellow retirees from the arm forces to lay aside the prejudices of the vietnam era and face the facts. The war in iraq was a mistake. The policies that this administration has trumpeted haven't work. It is time to change the course and to do that, we must have a change in leadership. That starts in 2006. Thank you.

REPRESENTATIVE STENY HOYER: Thank you very much, general clark. All of us are proud of your service and your leadership of our military and your leadership of this country. Senator carper, thank you very much for your leadership as well in creating an organization that wants to look at ways and means that we can do things differently and more effectively. Senator durbin, sharon burke, good to be here with you. Let me start by saying that democrats are commit to defeating terrorism and to keeping america and americans safe. And to working with our allies to make sure that the international community is safe and secure. Republican have dubbed this month security september. In an openly cynical attempt to use our nation' security in a political gamble to save their congressional majority. They believe they can scare the american people into particular to support their disastrous policies that have created record deficits, left our country more againent on foreign oil, given our mill

middle class waibls and fail to make our nation as secure as it should be and as it must be. As republican tom keen, the chairman of the 9/11 commission recently stated, the government is not doing its job. That is republican tom keen, chairman of the 9/11 commission. The house has become known as a deeply partisan place so i expect the republican rhetoric about democrats to be especially distorted and desperate. The fact is democrats have been leading the nation in the battle for democracy for over a century. From wilson to f.D.R. To truman to kennedy to clinton. Democrats have been holding the torch of freedom to light the way for other nations long before the republican party rhetorically joined the fight. That is a tradition that we continue here today. This report details how president bush and the republican congress have fail to make us as safe as we should be, how then one thing during the election and did exactly the opposite.

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We hope that by pointing out these failures, we can force a change in course. Effect a new direction in america. We agree we are in an epic struggle against terrorism but we agree there are miscalculation and mistakes. From their failure to capture bin laden to the rosie assumptions about the cost of the iraq war to the promise to always promptly support our military. To their failure to effectively deal with iran and south korea. Have sadly may america and americans less safe. And the international community less secure. Democrats have no doubt america will win the war on terrorism. We're commit to that objective. But we believe that we need a new direction. We believe the american people are ready for one. And i'm pleased to join sharon burke and third way in a report that i will think clearly arrest particular laid to the american people where we were, where we've come, and where we need to be. We need a new direction.

SENATOR DICK DURBIN: I want to thank senator reid as well as senator harper. Thank you for your service to our country and for being here today, and sharon burke for the work of third way. We do live in a dangerous world. We face real enemy. Today, this third way report is where the reality meets the rhetoric. What you have in this report is an honest appraisal of where we stand in the world today. The department of defense reminded us last week, if we are not in a civil war in iraq, we are so perilously close, it is hard to imagine the difference. And our soldiers, though brave men and women, have been caught in the cross-fire of that civil war. In the fourth year of this conflict, it is hard to believe that the situation has disintegrated and deteriorate as badly as it has. It is an indication that the brave rhetori of this administration doesn't reflect the reality facing our brave soldiers in iraq. The iranian situation, a country now poised to build nuclear weapons to threaten israel, the united states, our allies in the middle east, that's an indication of a deteriorating situation which is getting worse in the middle east. You know, we started this, of course, with 9/11. We were stunned and saddened by that day and the congress responded in a bipartisan way. Overwhelmly. Giving the president the authority to go to war against day indicated, the taliban and afghanistan. We all stood gets in that. We understood the enemy. We understood what we had to do. This third way report tell us, at that moment in time we estimate there were 20,000 members of al qaeda around the world. Today our best intelligence suggests the number has risen to 50,000. So in the war against al qaeda, they are recruiting more. And we are losing ground and osama bin laden is still on the loose. The situation which faces as well in afghanistan now backsliding into chaos and turmoil. That war that we must win against the remnants of al qaeda and taliban. North korea producing more nuclear weapons our. Our american military stretch to the limit. And of course, i'm glad they brought in the element in this third way report of our relationship with china. This is something we cannot overlook. It is a situation where the chinese have become our outsourcing for foreign policy too often. As they gabe vents the economically and militarily, the united states has to look at this in an honest fashion. When you ask the american people whether it is time for a new direction, two out of three say most definitely. When you ask them what is the number one issue that brings you to that conclusion, it is the war in iraq. So the rhetoric of this administration and the closing weeks before the campaign end here with an election november 7. As congressman hoyer has said, we'll try to create this impression among american, if you change leadership in congress, somehow you would not make us as safe. We know better. The democrats will work hard to keep america safe. We will stand with our friend in congress on the republican side to make sure our military is the strongest in the world continue to be, and we'll make certain that we continue moving in a new dirccction, a safer direction for our country.

SENATOR TOM CARPER: Good afternoon. Thank you for joining us. I want to thank our here, harry received receive and dick durbin for pull us get. It is great to be with you again. General clark and i served in a couple wars together. A hot war in vietnam and a cold war for a number of years after that. I did about 23 active and reserve and was a naval flight officer. I had no interest in an america that is not strong and an american people that are not secure. I want to really thank sharon burke. . We're just really proud of the excellent work that you've done and continue to do in this report, which senator reid held up and showed to you. It is not very long. I invite to your attention to it it. It is well documented and sobering. A number of thing have been said said. Everyone knows the world changed on september 11. We hear that a lot. We've said that a lot.

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Having said that, though, the world has changed a whole lot since then, too. And the report that sharon burke and others at third wave worked on indicates it was not necessarily for the better. It is if you ask most people in the u.S. Senate, democrat and republican, what doubts about me? Among other thing, they might say that i'm someone who goes out of his way to try to get people to work gets. To find common ground. To come up with bipartisan shrutions to the challenges that we face day in and day out in our country and right here in the senate. I wish i could say the same thing today about our president. But i'm sorry to say that i cannot. I wish that instead of trying to politicize the war on terror and the situation in iraq or to insince wait that we democrats don't have the vents the to stand up against our enemies, the preinvited to us sits down and talk about how we move forward in iraq and around the world. The truth is, the president's policies have not worked. And they have not made us safer. Back in 2003, it was estimate, there are some 5,000 insurgents in iraq. Now we believe that there are more than 20,000. In afghanistan, the number of taliban attacks have skyrocketed over the last three years. And we just learn this week that opium production is up almost 60% from last year. Listen to this. Afghanistan is now producing a third more opium than the world's heroin addicts are crying out for. A third more than what the rest of the world is willing to consume. And who is profiting from the drug trade? Well, among others the taliban and the afghan insurgency, trying to destabilize the very government we put in place several years ago. Iran and north korea, emboldened by our distraction in iraq and the lack of diplomacy by the united states are now defying the international community in their pursuit of nuclear weapons. I believe as others have said, we do need a new direction from a president. But so far, we've not seen plan to correct the mistake or to, the mistakes we've made or put us back on the right track again. I'm not going to suggest any of us has all the answers. I do know one thing. This president needs to get over his aversion, his ideological aversion to diplomacy. We're going to solve the other problem facing us in iraq and raul. He need to reach out to the international community. He need to reach out to moderate arab governments to broker an agreement among the sectarian groups in iraq to head off to civil war. And we 93 to work with our allies to establish a real and credible row map to peace in the middle east, and we need to focus on it like a laser. What's needed is leadership and a cooperative spirit. I hope the president can give us that and the work to truly make this country and our world a safer place in the remaining years he has to serve in office. And sharon burke, to close us out.

SHARON BURKE: Thank you, senator carper, thank you so much for your leadership as the chair of third way. We really appreciate it. Third way is honor to have this opportunity to release this new report with senator receive received and general clark and so many senior scmeb leaders of congress. We believe as they do that it was tile to take a hard look at the national security situation. With the united states at a cross road in iraq and facing enormous challenges in that region and raul, it was time. We're also five and a half years into the administration of george w. Bush and that's a very good time to take a look at the president's results. After all, the most important job for any president is to keep the american people safe. That's exactly what third way set out to measure. Is president bush making american safer? The answer is no according to our analysis. Third way' methodology was to focus on the most urgent national security challenges of our day and quantity identify the administration' plog progress. We looked at seven key indicator. Iraq, the fight against terrorism, iran, north korea, the condition of the american military, and china. We collect as many relevant data points as possible and look for trends. Our source ranged from u.S. Government reports to new accounts. One challenge for us in

pulling this report get was the fast moving pace of events. I know for example, the situation in iraq is deteriorating so fast that we had to keep revising our data really up until we put to it press. Across the board, the number are troubling as you've just hear. They just don't match the tough talk coming from the president, the vice president, and other member of s of this administration. As we know in the report, the number show the bush strategy is not working. Still, my colleague and i at third way, we believe with smart leadership, all of these number can be turned around. We hope our report will be a useful tool for these here's here and for other here in the government as they try to keep america safe. Thank you all for your interest in this report and for being here today.

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REPORTER: This is for any of the senators to answer. In 2003, do you believe that iran or iraq pose a bigger threat to u.S. National security and global security as a whole?

SEN. REID: I can't tell you which is the bigger threat. We can they've gotten much worse worse. President clinton worked until the last day he was in office trying to resolve the problems in north korea and the tremendous progress had been made. President bush walk away from that. Walk away from it. The minute he took office, and we have gone backwards. With iran, we know that the iranian government reached out to president bush and he as general clark has acknowledged, i guess he doesn't believe in bi bilateral negotiations. He didn't want to speak with them. We know the situation in iran has gotten much, much worse. Which is the more difficult? Iran or north korea? Anyone can make that estimate as well as i can. David?

REPORTER: The republican said in five years, there has been no major terrorist attack on the united states. Do you buy their argument that because u.S. Forces are fighting terrorists in iraq, there are not terrorists fighting on the streets of the united states?

SEN. REID: Every day, i'm so thankful that we have not had a terrorist attack of significance in the united states since 9/11. But the fact of the matter is, as indicated in the 9/11 report, the administration has fail to enact even those recommendations recommendations. We know that the amendments we've offered for port security, for chemical plant security, for nuclear power plant security, for doing something about the first responder have been turn down on straight party line votes. We're all fortunate and happy that there have been no may know incidents here in the united states. But we're not as safe as we should be.

REPORTER: Plans to formally call or have a resolution for secretary rumsfeld to step down. Are you coordinating your efforts, you will roll that out and how will that work?

SEN. REID: House procedure are totally different than senate procedures. In addition to that, we always complain about the hours work in the senate. But gee whiz, the house never works. [Laughter] we have 12 days left before their announced adjournment date. This week is an example. The house will work one day. Beyond that, we'll work two and a quarter days this week. And so we're going to offer an amendment during the defense appropriation bill to, as we said in our letter to the president yesterday, we think the cbs lowership has -- we the civilian leadership has failed. Tomorrow or maybe thursday, we'll finish that. That was announced on the floor today. But that's an issue that is not going to go easy. It is something that we believe as indicated, all the house and senate leaders right to the president said, your civilian leadership has fail. You boston that there would be a positive apply from that but -- reapply from that.

REP. HOYER: I would love to spring from the house as an institution. But unfortunately, what the senator says is true. We're not working. Many of you have hear me call this the do less than do nothing congress of 1948.

SEN. REID: I haven't hear you say that. That's good.

REP. HOYER: We are going to be meeting less days by 15. Or actually, almost by 111 versus 84 that was

scheduled than do nothing congress. Not only that. We've passed less legislation and haven't dealt with the priorities of this country. Leader pelosi and here reid talked on a daily basis about coordination. We have sent a letter to the president, as you can. And we've now sent a second letter. Secretary rumsfeld may a number of representations. If you rethe third way report, they have a number of very good reports in there about what secretary rumsfeld, now secretary of state rice and the president said were the realities in iraq, the prospects in iraq, how much it would cost, how much time it would take. They were uniformly wrong. Tragically wrong. In that case, when you see failure, you need to hole people accountable for failure. There has been no accountability in this administration. Not for the failure in iraq or katrina. No accountability. We're hoping that at some point in time, the congress will expect accountability. Because the congress has had no oversight. No checks and balances either. The american public can change that and put us in a new direction come this november.

REPORTER: No mechanism for the house democrats to move forward with the resolution?

REP. HOYER: As senator reid pointed out, we're more could not strained in the house procedurally. But here pelosi and senator reid will be discussing that.

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SEN. REID: Let get to the right side for a change.

REPORTER: Senator carper, you said that you would use diplomacy more. If you were to do that, what would your opening position be with our allies in terms of dealing with the sectarian violence in iraq? And global terrorist threat and how would you apply that to our military and other resources?

SEN. CARPER: I was in the middle east with senator has gone he will. Israel, jordan, saudi arabia, kuwait, and iraq. It is not in the best interest of any of though country, including the arab and muslim countries to have an iraq that devolves into civil war and sheer terrorism. They have an obligation. It they have a dog in this fight to try to he be sure that doesn't -- to ensure that doesn't happen. And also some money. They should be involved. They have tribal relation between those countries and the tribes in iraq. They have he relationships between the sunni and the sunni population in iraq. We should be calling on though people to be fully involve. I want to go back to something i said in my comments. I want to raise it again. Last june, almost a year and a half ago, president mahmoud abbas was here in washington. Several of us were invite to have lunch with him. He had been in office five months. During lunch, i said mr. Pre, when doubts it would be appropriate for our country to establish or assign an envoy to work full time on bridging between israeli government and this palestinian government. His response was five months ago. We should have been putting as much time and energy into that fight to making sure we follow the road map to peace. It is turning into a road map to war. One of the reason why is because we haven't invested the kind of enthusiasm and interest and time that we have in our conflict.

REPORTER: I want to get your reaction to the president's reincorrect series of speech he's been making on iraq, trying to lay out their case on why it is so important. I it will be a scare tactic of sorts. Do you feel that's the case? The politics involved of what the g.O.P. Is trying to do?

SEN. REID: Let me use an ad letic analogy. Football season has started. You have a play. You rub it up the mill. Touchdown. That work pretty. With will he try it again. Up the mill. This time you only make 20 yards. The third time you try it, you get stopped at the line of scrimmage. That's what's happening here. They've run this play one too many times. It is the same speeches they've given before. All the speech in the world do not change what's going on in the ground in iraq. And as we've heard here, the ground in iraq is not a pleasant place. Since we left here, a month ago, 75 american soldiers and mash have been kill. I don't know how many have been wounded. \$12 Billion spent since we last left here. They've run this play too many time. We on a bipartisan basis want to work with them to do a better job on security. Our arms are open. Let them come and work with

us. Not give these speeches. One last question.

REPORTER: The amendment that you plan to push, the appropriations bill, would that just be targeting rumsfeld or have a vote on other civilian leadership?

SEN. REID: At this stage, we haven't finished the amendment. We have a meeting at 2:00 today to define what is going to be in the amendment. It will be an amendment that will be directed or the the civilian leadership of the Thank you all very much. military.

HOST: Democratic leaders wrapping up a 40-minute news conference, talking about a new report on global security. Senator roccive received, senator carper, congressman hoyer and also wesley clark speaking with reporter, answering their questions

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hello sir,  
staying at the sheraton downtown would work great for us. i'm assuming that they accept major credit cards so that the  
dv's won't have to travel with cash?

sorry for the date confusion. we will be arriving 15 september and coming back on the 18th (pending the itinerary from  
mnf-i). i will connect with them today and see if we can nail that down and also make the connection between their team  
and yours...

i won't know the specific flight times into and out of kwi until i get a more solid idea of the itinerary from mnf-i. i am hoping  
to have that wrapped up within 48 hours... i will be sure to keep you posted.

thanks for your help on this and please let me know what else you need from me.

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How are you today. There seems to be a little confusion on my end with supporting the Gen Downing party. I would like to  
house them downtown at the Sheraton Hotel since the party is large and it consists of real, true-to-life DVs; I don't have the  
rooms available for all of them on either Camp Arifjan or Ali Al Salem. If this is ok with you, then we can make the  
arrangements for them to stay downtown; however, they will have to pay for the rooms with local currency.

Are the flight plans and times scheduled for the parties arrival and departure into and out of KCIA? We need to start  
planning to get transportation and drivers coordinated to get the party moved from the Airport and all the other various  
spots they have to go. Also, the theater clearance has approved dates for Kuwait on 19 & 21 Sep. Your previous e-mail  
(31 August) gave me a plan of 16-18 Sep with a plan to arrive on 15 Sep; what are the correct dates for the mission? We  
are going to need the dates soon in order to coordinate flights to and out of theater for you.



Thanks.

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yes, thank you very much. i am unclear on what the large camera reference means?? no one in our party will have large cameras. perhaps small, personal, digital ones... but nothing larger than that. it has been our experience in the past that it took about 45 minutes to clear kcia customs, with the help of your team. is that no longer a reasonable expectation?

i should have flight information to you early next week. i will also double check with mnf-i to see what kind of itinerary they are building for us and whether they have arranged a flight out.

thanks for all your help. much appreciated

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Thanks for the info, Superman.

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Please realize that when you say the first possible flight out, you are saying very early in the morning – possible 0600 departure with a show time of 2-3 hours beforehand. If you come in on the 1915 flight at KCIA it will most likely be 1-2 hours before we roll out of the VIP Lounge (large cameras can attract the Kuwaitis attention and slow down the customs portion), and in the same amount of time to get you to a hotel, we could already be at Al Salem/LSA. Since you will have a very early wake-up call, it really is a better idea to sleep at Al Salem/LSA rather than downtown on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

On the way out, I'll be more than happy to arrange a night's stay for you anywhere you'd like.

Thanks,

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CPT (b)(6) this is in reference to the Gen Downing Trip.

(b)(6) we can assist in coordinating the flights to and from Iraq. We cannot book your reservations for the Hotel – however, we can get you the information for the Hotel if necessary. Since MNC-I has cleared the trip on their end, have they made the flight schedules from Iraq? As well, in order to expedite the party's arrival, we will need the date, time, flight and flight number into KCIA; and that is for the arrival and return trip in order to get the VIP Lounge at KCIA.

LTC (b)(6) we are going to need your assistance on transporting the party around.

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hi sir,

i hope you are well. i am writing to inquire whether you have been contacted re. the military analysts dv trip to iraq 16-18 sept? i would like to request your help in organizing a flight into iraq on 16 sept and a return flight on the 18th. the plan is to arrive in kuwait on the 15th, leaving for iraq on the first possible flight on 16 sept. the analysts will be hosted in baghdad until the afternoon of the 18th. the trip has been cleared through mnf-i and the theater clearance request has been submitted. the size of the group will be about 12.

all of the participants will be traveling to kuwait via commercial air. we are requesting the jvb's assistance with expediting the participants' arrival and processing through customs. additionally, it would be very helpful if your team would assist in setting up accomodation reservations in kuwait city for the night of the 15th and the night of the 18th. we would also like to request that the jvb provide vans and drivers to transport the group to and from the hotel and the military airfield.

deputy assistant secretary of defense allison barber will be traveling with the group, as will dallas lawrence and myself. i have attached the country clearance message for you to use for the flight manifest. the poc at mnf-i is ltc robyn chumley. i have copied her on this message as well. she can help with the coordination/confirmation of times and itinerary.

again, i am new at this, so i'd greatly appreciate any help you can give me for how to navigate the system and make this trip a success. please let me know what you need from me.

thanks so much.

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(b)(6) when you get a moment, can you please call senior babbin and coordinate the final travel dates for our trip next week.

Jed - would love to have you - we can arrange for radio call in times for you to call back to the states on Saturday, Sunday and Monday from our favorite sandbox.

Dallas B. Lawrence

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The ankle biters keep chasing him, but the Big Dog has big ideas. And he's getting somewhere with one of the most important.

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Thank you.

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Eric: As promised, here's the TAS column which will appear at 0001 hrs Tuesday. Many thanks again for arranging the interview. Please maintain embargo until published. Best, Jed.

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## LOOSE CANONS

Reagan's Vision, Rumsfeld's Legacy  
(Ballistic Missile Defense is on the Road to Reality)

by Jed Babbin<sup>1</sup>

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has a suggestion for those who still doubt we should be building a missile defense system. In my interview with him last Thursday, Mr. Rumsfeld said, "All anyone has to do is read the words of the leadership in [North] Korea and Iran, and look to their behavior with respect to the development of ballistic missile technologies and nuclear capability." Even for those of us who have been supporters of missile defense since President Reagan announced it in 1986, Mr. Rumsfeld's mild admonition is good advice.

Examining Mr. Rumsfeld's examples – Kim Jong-il's North Korea and Ahmadinejad's Iran -- proves the point. After its July missile tests, the North Korean news agency said that the NK government denied that it had any obligation to follow the international norms for missile launches saying, "The [Korean People's Army] will go on with missile launch exercises as part of its efforts to bolster deterrent for self-defense in the future, too." It added, "The DPRK will have no option but to take stronger physical actions of other forms, should any other country dares take issue with the exercises and put pressure upon it." As if to prove Mr. Rumsfeld's point, North Korea's Deputy Chief of its mission to the United Nations said on 21 June, "North Korea as a sovereign state has the right to develop, test fire and export a missile." (Note the lack of qualifiers. The North Koreans don't have European manners, so they don't bother to make a perfunctory statement about exporting only to those whose surnames aren't bin Laden or Nasrallah or Ahmadinejad.)

Mr. Ahmadinejad is smarter and cagier. In a long news conference on August 30 (reported by the *Financial Times*), Ahmadinejad continued to deny Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons. But when asked about the UN Security Council and the possibility of sanctions against Iran he said, "I think the time has passed to settle problems through using the Security Council as a tool...Our position is completely clear. Our nation has a right to the peaceful use of nuclear energy. The Iranian nation has chosen this. It wants to use [nuclear energy] according to international rules and regulations, and no one can stop it."

Ahmadinejad said something we all should agree with. The time to use the UN Security Council as a diplomatic mechanism to stop Iran's nuclear weapons program has passed. The UN's August 31 deadline came and went, and the EUnuchs are already calling for more talks with Iran. And, while Ahmadinejad's regime pursues both nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles of ever-greater capability, Kofi Annan is developing Neville

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Chamberlain's art of appeasement into a science. Ignoring Ahmadinejad's statement of less than a week ago, Annan – in Tehran last weekend -- said that, "On the nuclear issue, [Ahmadinejad] reaffirmed to me Iran's preparedness and commitment to hold negotiations" with Western powers to find a solution to the impasse over Tehran's nuclear activities. Once again, the UN – and the EU -- do worse than appease. They establish diplomacy as an end in itself and by so doing doom it to failure. No matter Iran's intransigence, diplomacy will continue without requiring Iran to stop its development of nuclear weapons while the talks go on. Where does that leave us?

With defending ourselves and our allies as best we can. If we aren't going to strike at Iran's regime or North Korea's missile capability – which actions the president has neither disavowed nor taken steps to accomplish – we have to undertake to build the best defenses we can, which means ballistic missile defense.

In our Thursday conversation, Rumsfeld said, "I was there in the White House when President Reagan made his announcement that evening about missile defense and the wisdom of it is clearer every year; that weapons are increasingly more powerful and increasingly available. We owe it to our people to provide for their protection and their safety. To be willing to engage in a serious effort over a sustained period of time to develop the capabilities to deter and defend against a range of threats."

A lot of research had been done in the fifteen years between 1986 and 2001, but not much else was done because to do so would have violated the ABM Treaty. Rumsfeld was one of the principal architects of our exit from that treaty. Rumsfeld credits the President Bush's leadership for what was accomplished. If we hadn't exited the treaty, we wouldn't be where we are today, or able to have a fully functioning system in the near future.

When President Bush exercised our option to exit the ABM Treaty, no one had yet made the decisions to sort out the options and take the steps necessary to deploying a real defense to missile attack. Rumsfeld said, "If you may recall back in the year 2000, this debate had gotten almost theological. It was a hair knot. Proponents were adamant and opponents were adamant. Proponents disagreed as to whether it ought to be space-based, land-based, sea-based and everyone was quite emotional about it all. And it was considered a national missile defense system. We shifted it to a missile defense system in a way that would not have our allies feel we were looking out for ourselves and not the rest of the world. And it's made a big difference. We're now getting cooperation from several countries in Europe, we're getting cooperation from Japan and of course the more cooperation you get the more sensors you have, the more locations you have the more capable the system." Rumsfeld cut the knot, choosing a primarily ground-based system. It's not complete, but it is – right now – deployed with a capability that is likely to cancel out North Korea's threat.

Last Friday, in a test of improvements to the already-deployed parts of the system using sea-based and land-based sensors, the Defense Department's Missile Defense Agency detected a missile launched from Alaska, launched an interceptor missile and destroyed

the target. This successful test followed a number of failures that opponents say proves the system will never work.

Almost twenty years ago, when working for Lockheed, I got to know Ben Rich, the genius behind stealth aircraft who was running the super-secret "Skunk Works." Ben often told the story about how the Polaris sub-launched ICBM failed in more than a dozen test launches before its developers made it an innovative and reliable part of our deterrence force. Rich doubted any developmental system could survive today's Congressional micromanagement. I asked Rumsfeld about the prior test failures.

He said, "Each time you conduct an experiment that doesn't work, you could say it's a failure. On the other hand you could say you've learned something. Opponents pretend that it's failure. And it isn't failure at all. If you have intelligent people working on a serious project and they engage in it they're not going to come out with it in the first instance with a full system that's perfect... You have to learn by doing, by testing and experimenting." Which is just what Ben Rich told me years ago. Without developmental tests - failures and successes - you can't learn those things that can't be figured out on paper.

What Bush and Rumsfeld have accomplished so far has put America on the path that will take ballistic missile defense from vision to reality. But it will take years' more testing and development before the system is fully deployed, and even after that it will have to evolve continuously as does the threat. Commitment to continuing what the president and Rumsfeld have begun should be a litmus test for any 2008 presidential candidate.

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Yup; I'm doing research right now on one point he made. If you listen to the NKs and IRs, you have to take it seriously. I'm digging for specifics. Should be very neat. Thanks again for all the help.

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Guess you saw the p1 play the post gave the successful missile test. Timing for your column couldn't be more perfect.

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Eric: Thanks. I'll keep it in the active file for the next radio show. Don't have any scheduled as of today, but ya never know. Best, Jed.

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