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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2006 9:23 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: country clearance list.doc

Nevermind. Looks like Dorrance is out for tomorrow.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2006 9:03 AM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** country clearance list.doc

here is the flight manifest as of this moment. expecting to hear back from Jack Keane and Robert Timberg this morning. don't think Don Shepperd is going to make it...

so, if those two are affirmative, we would have 2 seats. if they don't go, obviously, we have 4.

thanks

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Ms. Allison Barber, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs

SSN: (b)(6) (and/or Dorrance Smith?)

Brig Gen Tom Hemingway, USAF, Legal Adviser for the Office of Military Commissions

SSN: (b)(6)

(b)(6) Director, External Affairs OSD/OUSD(P), Detainee Affairs

(b)(6) Public Affairs Specialist, Community Relations and Public Liaison

SSN: (b)(6)

Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Maginnis (USA, Retired)

SSN: (b)(6)

Mr. Wayne Simmons (CIA, Retired)

SSN:

Captain Martin L. Strong (USN, Retired)

SSN:

Mr. Bing West (Fmr ASD, USMC, Retired)

SSN: (b)(6)

Waiting on:

General Jack Keane

Robert Timberg

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 7:50 PM  
**To:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: GTMO

What if, to earn brownie points, we let the white house know we have a plane fueled and ready for an analyst trip and asked if they had any analysts they need to get off their radar with a trip? Or, how about steve gill or other friendly radio folks to fill out the plane? I know it changes the dynamic of the trip a bit, but honestly, unless don shepard comes, there wont be a single A lister on the trip. (wayne is a b+ in my book, on a good day) :) What about joc? You'd make his day.

Might also want to reach out to matt and see if he has a speech writer or researcher hes been dying to get down there.

We could have a win win on this if we were willing to stomach whomever the white house sent our way.

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**Cc:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** Re: GTMO

Let's stick with the analysts. Maybe 2 more will sign on.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**To:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**CC:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Mon Jun 19 18:52:43 2006  
**Subject:** RE: GTMO

don shepperd just called. he is on the east coast, but he's not sure he can get out of his meetings on wed. will let me know tomorrow for sure. still haven't heard back from jack keane...

here are a few of our civ defense analysts we could invite... most of whom either met with secdef in the last year or traveled to iraq with us:

Mr. David Frum  
Resident Fellow, Author  
American Enterprise Institute  
(contributing editor for National Review)

Mr. Frank J. Gaffney  
President  
The Center for Security Policy

Ambassador Marc Ginsberg  
Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Northstar Equity Group, Incorporated

Dr. Daniel Goure  
Senior Fellow  
Lexington Institute

John Hamre  
President and CEO  
CSIS

Mr. Michael J. Horowitz  
Senior Fellow  
Hudson Institute

Mr. Robert Kaplan  
National Correspondent  
Atlantic Monthly

John M. Molino  
President, American Logistics Association

Mr. Richard Minitzer  
Author

Dr. Michael O'Hanlon  
Senior Fellow  
The Brookings Institute

Mr. John Wobensmith (Navy @ NSA for 33 years (SES)) Vice President for Development and Senior Fellow in Intelligence Studies American Foreign Policy Council

let me know what you would think about opening up the invite to them? otherwise, i'm not sure whether the trip is worth the effort...?

thanks

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Sent: Monday, June 19, 2006 6:00 PM  
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Cc: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
Subject: RE: GTMO

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Colonel Jack Jacobs (USA, Retired) - can't go  
General Jack Keane (USA, Retired) - msg  
Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Maginnis (USA, Retired) - yes  
Major General James "Spider" Marks (USA, Retired) - can't go  
Major General Robert H. Scales (USA, Retired) - can't go  
Major General Donald W. Shepperd (USAF, Retired) - msg  
Mr. Wayne Simmons (USN, Retired) - yes  
Mr. Bing West (USMC, Retired) - yes

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other mil analysts i could invite:  
col ken allard  
cdr peter brookes  
gen ron fogleman  
ltc rick francona  
gen buck kernan  
col glenn lackey  
mg burt moore  
mg michael nardotti  
gen joseph ralston  
ltgen erv rokke  
capt martin strong  
col john warden  
gen larry welch  
gen tom wilkerson

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From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2006 4:54 PM  
To: (b)(6) Capt. USMC, OASD-PA  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
Subject: Re: GTMO

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Semper Fidelis,

Captain (b)(6)

Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs 1400 Defense  
Pentagon (2E556) Washington, DC 20301-1400

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 7:31 PM  
**To:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** ken allard...

...really wants to dedicate his book to the soldiers whose bodies were on the plane. did you ever hear back on whether we have a policy on not releasing those names?? he says it's public info since they've been interred...

not available for gitmo on wed.  
thanks

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**From:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 6:18 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** Re: GTMO

What about saturday?

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**To:** Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
**Sent:** Mon Jun 19 18:01:20 2006  
**Subject:** RE: GTMO

Allison, I think id suggest we cancel this trip, roll it to next week and build a bigger group. This is not going to be the issue for this week with North korea, missile defense, kidnapped troops, etc

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gen buck kernan  
col glenn lackey  
mg burt moore

mg michael nardotti  
gen joseph ralston  
ltgen erv rokke  
capt martin strong  
col john warden  
gen larry welch  
gen tom wilkerson

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 4:52 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Don't call analysts yet

Really? Even the dc based folks?

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**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: Don't call analysts yet

yep. they are prepared to host us.  
i've only had one yes from the analysts: bob maginnis. everyone else has said it's too short notice. not thru the whole list yet....

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 4:51 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Don't call analysts yet

Did they call you? I have a message from a major saying he would call you next

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 3:15 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: Don't call analysts yet

done.

hemingway is avail. wed. heard back from jvb-gitmo??  
thanks

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 2:48 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Re: Don't call analysts yet

Please put into an email to allison without my note. So she can forward to dorrance

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA  
CC: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
Sent: Mon Jun 19 14:45:58 2006  
Subject: FW: Don't call analysts yet

hi. here are the analysts that i'd like to offer the gitmo trip to... some of them have expressed great interest.

thanks

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Mr. Jed Babbitt (AF, Former JAG) American Spectator Dr. James Carafano (LTC, USA, Retired)  
Heritage foundation General Wayne A. Downing (USA, Retired) MSNBC Colonel John Garrett  
(USMC, Retired)  
Brigadier General David L. Grange (USA, Retired) CNN  
Colonel Jack Jacobs (USA, Retired) MSNBC General Jack Keane (USA, Retired) ABC Lieutenant  
Colonel Robert L. Maginnis (USA, Retired) Fox News Major General James "Spider" Marks  
(USA, Retired) CNN Major General Donald W. Shepperd (USAF, Retired) CNN Mr. Wayne Simmons  
(USN, CIA, Retired) Fox News Mr. Bing West (USMC, Retired)

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From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2006 2:23 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
Subject: Don't call analysts yet

Please submit a list to allison of the 12 you'd like to invite to gitmo asap. Thanks.

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**From:** JedBabbin@  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 3:35 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Ok, I'm an idiot

You once gave me Gen. Myers's cell number, and I've spoken to him. Now I've lost the number. I'll do whatever penance you may prescribe, but may I have it again? (Ok, almost any penance.) Thanks, pal. Doing Hewitt tomorrow and Medved Wednesday, need to do a lotta stuff, including NK missile tests. Best, Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

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(home fax)  
(mobile)

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 10:36 AM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder

Here is what we have done in the past week with outreach:  
National Association of Manufacturers Roundtable with Vice Chairman, DepSec and SecDef  
On-going one-on-one communication with military analysts re. current issues.

(The previous week, we visited Omaha, NE to meet with business and school leaders; and Sarasota, FL to present to the Ringling Bros. company meeting re. ASY)

The month ahead:

This week:

Conference call with retired military analysts and think tankers re. North Korea missile program and our missile defense program

Conference call with retired military analysts and think tankers re. six biggest defense issues

Potential roundtable with General Casey and the retired military analysts

Next week:

Trip to Guantanamo for retired military analysts

Outreach and speech by Allison Barber to the Military Impacted Schools Association re. America Supports You

Mid-July

Military analysts trip to Iraq

thanks

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 10:15 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder

Folks, quick recap,

What I am putting together for Allison for Dorrance today at 2 is a weekly report that both looks back on the past week and projects ahead one month, that encapsulates all that we have done and have on the agenda:

- 1) number of tours given and number of people on the tours (# booked for the 4 weeks ahead)
- 2) number of speaking events, internal and external, # of people we spoke to, and number we have on the books for the 4 weeks ahead
- 3) outreach events
- 4) analysts and other outreach group events, planned trips - gitmo, iraq, etc,
- 5) asy grass roots and ASY events we have worked with (babies r us, white house event, Andrews open house, nascar, baseball, football, soccer, etc)

again, these should be viewed in the prism of week past and month ahead.

Thanks! I will need these by 11 today

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**From:** (b)(6) CTR, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 9:11 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**PA:** (b)(6) Lawrence, Dallas Mr  
**OSD PA:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Reminder

Hello,

Per your meeting with Dallas this past Friday, please submit your suggested report templates and reportable items to him this morning. Thank you.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 9:44 AM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Subject:** RE: Upcoming Events

here's who we have so far:

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Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Maginnis	(USA, Retired)
Lieutenant General Thomas McInerney	(USAF, Retired)
Major General Donald W. Shepperd	(USAF, Retired)
Mr. Wayne Simmons	(USN, CIA, Retired)

keep in mind that we did not send the casey invite to the whole list. i think we'd have at least a couple more if we did.  
thanks

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 9:05 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Upcoming Events

Hi there, what kind of response do we have so far for the meeting here on Thursday?

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2006 2:42 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Upcoming Events

Gentlemen,

A number of you have expressed an interest in traveling to Guantanamo in upcoming weeks. Keeping the ops tempo and current events in mind, we wanted to see how many of you would be interested in a trip of this nature. As we have done in the past, the trip would leave from the Pentagon early in the morning and return late the same evening. If you are interested in participating in these trips in the months ahead please let me know of your interest and availability as soon as possible. (Please note that this is not in lieu of any trips to Iraq and/or Afghanistan that you have requested. We continue to look at these options for you as well and I will keep you posted on those opportunities.)

In addition, we are currently working on a tentative roundtable at the Pentagon next week with a senior U.S. military commander from Iraq who will be visiting Washington. If you would be interested in a roundtable meeting

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with him, please check your calendars and let me know if you would be available the afternoon of Thursday, June 22, some time between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. I will forward details as soon as they become available.

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend.

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**From:** JedBabbin@ (b)(6)

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**To:** tmcinerney@ (b)(6) pauvalley@ (b)(6) nashct@ (b)(6) Glenstrae77@ (b)(6)  
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roberthscates@ (b)(6) wheeler@ (b)(6) wilkerson@ (b)(6)  
mgroot@ (b)(6)

**Subject:** Today's Spectator - Iran and China

The "Shanghai Cooperation Organization" smells more and more like the "Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere" Redux. But the worst, as usual, comes from Europe and the awful deal they offered Iran.

The American Spectator

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**From:** JedBabbin (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 18, 2006 7:59 AM  
**To:** Stimson, Charles D. (Cully), CIV, OSD-POLICY  
**Cc:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Tuesday

Cully: Just saw the WaPo editorial of today. Can you be available on Tuesday, 20 June, any time between 1800 and 2100 EDT for a shot on the Hugh Hewitt national radio show? I'm subbing for Hugh and would love to blast those demanding closure of Gitmo and legislative meddling on detainee handling. Please let me know, and I'll have Duane Patterson, Hugh's producer, arrange the logistics.

Alternatively, I'm also subbing for Michael Medved on his national radio show on Wednesday, 21 June (1500-1800 EDT). Whichever works for you will work for me. Let's talk. Best, Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2006 1:56 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** FW: Upcoming Events

Good with changes

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list to send to:

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Mr. Jed Babbin (AF, Former JAG) American Spectator

Dr. James Jay Carafano (LTC, USA, Retired)

Lieutenant General Michael P. DeLong (USMC, Retired) Fox News

General Wayne A. Downing (USA, Retired) MSNBC

Lieutenant Colonel Tim J. Eads (USA, Retired) Fox News

Lieutenant Colonel Rick Francona (USAF, Retired) NBC

Colonel John Garrett (USMC, Retired)

Brigadier General David L. Grange (USA, Retired)

Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer (USA, Retired) Fox News

Colonel Jack Jacobs (USA, Retired) MSNBC

General Jack Keane (USA, Retired)

Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Maginnis (USA, Retired) Fox News

Major General James "Spider" Marks (USA, Retired) CNN

Dr. Jeff McCausland (Colonel, USA, Retired) CBS

Lieutenant General Thomas McInerney (USAF, Retired) Fox News

Major General Burton R. Moore (USAF, Retired) Fox News; local and national radio

Captain Chuck Nash (USN, Retired) Fox News

Major General Robert H. Scales, Jr. (USA, Retired) Fox News

Major General Donald W. Shepperd (USAF, Retired) CNN

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
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To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
Subject: Re: hi there

It should be out there. I will check.

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From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA  
To: (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA  
Sent: Thu Jun 15 15:37:56 2006  
Subject: RE: hi there

Thank you! Do we have video of this this far out or are they usually lost?

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From: (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA  
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Subject: RE: hi there

I've attached a transcript for you.

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Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2006 3:11 PM  
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Subject: hi there

I was wondering if you might have a link to the Sunday fox show from this past week that had dan senor on a panel with congresswoman jane harmon from california. It was fox news Sunday.

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**Subject:** RE: What military analysts have been saying recently

i was on the list... problem is, they can't capture radio. maginnis does radio hits probably everyday. a lot of them are nationally syndicated, npr, bbc, etc. so does babbin. so, it's not at all comprehensive.

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(b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY; Dolan, Anthony Mr OSD PA; (b)(6) LTC; Eder, Mari K, BG

OCPA (b)(6)  
Major; (b)(6) Gordon, Jeffrey D LCDR OSD

PA; (b)(6)

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(b)(6) Latimer, Matthew, CIV, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA;

(b)(6) Lessel Erwin F III Brig Gen SAF/CM; (b)(6)

(b)(6) Merritt, Roxie, AFIS-HQ; (b)(6)

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WALLACE: With President Bush set to hold an extraordinary two-day war council at Camp David, we brought together three people who have watched events in Iraq closely. Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich is a member of the Pentagon's Defense Policy Board. Congresswoman Jane Harman, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee. And Dan **Senor**, who helped set up the first post-Saddam authority in Iraq.

Thank you all for coming in.

**DAN SENOR, FORMER SPOKESMAN, COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY:** Good morning, Chris.

WALLACE: Let's start with the decision to hold this unusual and highly publicized war council. Does it increase the pressure on President Bush to come out with a bold new plan for Iraq?

Speaker Gingrich, why don't you start?

**NEWT GINGRICH, FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE:** No, I think the president's challenge is to convince the country that he has a way forward that makes sense and that's sustainable, and that's been there politically for months now.

So I think the council is an opportunity, particularly with the filling of the slots in the Iraqi government and the killing of Zarqawi -- the council is an opportunity for the president to sort of reset with he's doing and then hopefully communicate it directly to the American people in a convincing way.

WALLACE: Congresswoman Harman, what is it that would say to doubters coming out of the war council, "hey, we're on a new path?"



REP. JANE HARMAN (D), CALIFORNIA: Well, first of all, I doubt any Democrats will be included, so I appreciate the fact that Fox News included me to your war council.

But what would help with doubters -- and there are doubters in both parties all over the country -- number one, if the president decided that Rumsfeld should go, and, number two, if he announced that he is going to start now asking the generals to redeploy our troops because going forward the U.S. objectives -- and we have at least three of them -- can best be achieved politically, not militarily.

WALLACE: Now, when you say redeployed, meaning get them out of Iraq? HARMAN: Start moving them out of Iraq, putting some in Kuwait and Jordan. I mean, we should have an over-the-horizon force. There's no question. But while we're part of the political solution, we're also part of the military problem.

And having us continue to stay there I don't think will achieve our objectives, which are, short-term, three to six months, getting Sunny buy-in -- that was just discussed by General Casey, and our ambassador is doing very well with that -- helping the government deliver services -- three- to six-month window on that -- and disarming the militias.

And again, this new democratically elected Government has to do that politically with our support.

WALLACE: Dan, we're going to get to the question of troop levels in just a second, but I want to ask you -- make use of your contacts, because I know you still have good contacts, inside the White House.

What's your sense of this war council? How wide-ranging is it?

SENOR: Oh, I think they are very serious about exploring all options. I think that for the first time, there will be serious discussions about troop levels, and I know you want to get to troop levels momentarily, and also recalibrating the strategy, focusing on Baghdad -- do we need to redeploy inside Baghdad, effectively turn Baghdad into one big Green Zone?

The understanding that the capital of Baghdad -- It's six million people out of a population -- about a quarter of the population. It's the financial people, the governmental capital, the media capital. If we can't do Baghdad, we cannot win Iraq. And I think there is an understanding within the war council that that needs to be the primary focus.

WALLACE: All right. Let's get to this question -- and, Congresswoman Harman, let me start with you -- about U.S. troop levels. There are certainly members of your party who looked at Zarqawi's death when we learned about it Thursday morning and said that means we can bring the troops home faster. I'd like you to take a look at what Congresswoman, House Democratic leader, Nancy Pelosi had to say. Here it is.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

PELOSI: His death and the naming of the Iraqi defense and interior ministers should hasten the day when Iraqis take responsibility for their security and American troops can come home.

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WALLACE: Should the events of this week speed up the timetable for withdrawal?

HARMAN: Well, the Zarqawi death is a great achievement, wonderful police work. Our military and our Intelligence communities worked together. The Iraqis originally tipped us off, and the event was announced by al-Maliki, which was a very good idea. So you know, kudos to all who worked on that.

It won't reduce the insurgency, I don't believe. You know, he is a charismatic leader, but nonetheless, Al Qaida in Iraq is a small piece of the insurgency. Al Qaida worldwide does not depend on one or two leaders. So I don't see that.

In terms of redeployment, my view about redeployment has to do with my sense of what our objectives are in Iraq going forward. I do agree with Dan that if we can't hold Baghdad, we can't hold anything. And surely with the troop strength we have as it's coming down, those troops should be deployed in Baghdad, which is the population center.

WALLACE: Let me bring in Speaker Gingrich.

I mean, if we're talking about this huge new initiative -- and as I mentioned with General Casey, we've tried it before -- Operation Lightning -- it didn't work -- to try to secure the six million people of Baghdad, do we need more troops or fewer?

GINGRICH: Well, let me establish a couple of simple principles that will probably be politically uncomfortable. First, we ought to rely on General Abizaid and General Casey, because they get up every day.

They work this problem every day. Abizaid is fluent in Arabic. Casey is now clearly the field commander working for Abizaid. And if the two of them come in and say you know, we need fewer troops, I'm for fewer troops. If the two of them come in and say you know, we need more troops, I'm for more troops.

You have a brand new Iraqi government that's finally coming together, and they ought to be part of sitting at that table. But here's the key psychological point. Iraqis are looking to decide which side is going to win.

They look at the Vietnam experience. They look at American politics. And they say OK, are we three months from the Americans cutting and running, are we a year from the Americans cutting and running, are we going to have a helicopter leaving the American embassy in Baghdad the way we did Saigon.

And any gesture by the president that suggests he's going to move one minute faster than the new Iraqi government and his own field commanders is a signal that says don't bet on the Americans and don't bet on freedom, the bad guys are going to win. I think you've got -- that's very important psychologically.

WALLACE: Dan **Senor**, do you agree with that, that the -- I mean, you've been to Iraq more times than the rest of us at this table. Do you believe that that's what the Iraqi mind set is right now?

**SENOR:** Yes, and actually, I would say over the last few months, particularly in the Sunni towns, the Iraqis have not been betting on us. They viewed the American military as impotent. They viewed the Iraqi government as in this constant state of formation and not terribly serious.

The last few months since the last election, you talk to the local sheiks there, you talk to a lot of the imams and the tribal leaders. They're betting on the insurgency. They say that we come into towns and then we leave. We don't hold them. And the insurgency returns. They insurgency they can bet on.

So I think the significance of the Zarqawi kill is that we sent a message to them that we actually are committed to winning and that they can bet on us. And there are a lot of fence-sitters right now, as the speaker said, who are deciding who to bet on. And I think in that regard, this is a big moment.

**HARMAN:** I just see this differently. I'm not talking about cutting and running. That's not at all what I'm talking about. I'm talking about how do we win. We win politically. We don't win militarily. Playing whack-'em-all in the Anbar province is not working. We kill one person, 10 arise. That's just not the strategy that can work.

And while I agree that Abizaid and Casey are admirable, I think the commander in chief, our president, and his top-level folks who are going to be in that room the next two days ought to focus on a political strategy. That's much more likely to achieve victory.

**GINGRICH:** But this is a core difference. If you read John Nagl's brilliant book, "Eating Soup with a Knife", which is probably the best book on counterinsurgency written by an American in modern times, the truth is in the end, two things have to happen simultaneously.

You have to have a political-economic solution where people come together and say I'm on your team and it makes sense, and you've got to be able to kill the bad guys. I mean, really bad people have to be killed.

I once talked to your current mayor of Oakland and probable future attorney general...

**HARMAN:** Ron Dellums?

**GINGRICH:** No, Jerry Brown, the current mayor -- the current mayor, Jerry Brown, who said to me having dealt with more felons in his town than anybody knows about, with really hard criminals, what you need to do -- and he said -- is repression.

Now, when you're dealing with really dedicated terrorists who really want to kill us, the correct answer is to kill them first. That's why Zarqawi is...

**HARMAN:** I don't disagree with that.

**GINGRICH:** I don't see, though, how pulling American troops out before Abizaid and Casey say they're ready or pulling them out before the Iraqis feel secure is going to do anything except make the war worse and ultimately lead to an American defeat.

**SENOR:** I think if you look at two of the most successful U.S.- led operations in 2005, putting down an uprising in Sadr City and the operation in Talafar, that

western Sunni town on the western side of Iraq, those involved the U.S. forces handling military roles and military, political and economics.

So we went in there. We conducted operations alongside Iraqi military units. And then we handled infrastructure reconstruction. We had close relations with the Iraqi civilians on the ground. If we start withdrawing our troops, it not only undermines our military capacity, even in small numbers, but our capacity to handle some of these civilian and reconstruction...

HARMAN: Well, I don't think we're succeeding militarily. I think it is a huge achievement that there now is a unity government in Iraq, a democratically elected unity government, and all the cabinet positions are filled out.

I think our ambassador there is the best in class, Zal Khalilzad, and he has done an amazing job to generate Sunni buy-in, to help this government stand up. And our State Department is now involved.

But what I am saying is that continuing the same course, you know, is not getting us anywhere, and that a redeployment strategy led by the generals -- I'm not talking about arm chair, you know, congress people telling us what the schedule is.

I'm talking about the generals setting the schedule that is established now -- a new head of the defense department, so everybody knows we're changing strategy, a bigger investment in the political side is going to achieve U.S. objectives fastest.

WALLACE: All right.

HARMAN: And we don't have an infinite period of time here.

WALLACE: I want to give you each about 30 seconds and no more than that.

If there's one thing, starting with you, Mr. Speaker, and we'll go down the line here - - if there's one thing that you could see come out of this war council when they come back from Camp David Tuesday night, Wednesday morning, what would it be?

GINGRICH: It would be a clear definition that the Iraqi government, working with the American military, has a clear strategy of imposing security and doing what it takes to begin from Baghdad working out to secure the country.

WALLACE: Congresswoman Harman?

HARMAN: That a new secretary of defense will lead a different U.S. strategy which will accomplish three or four clear objectives within the next three to six months.

SENOR: If you look at the successful operation in Talafar that I referenced, the ratio of American troops to Iraqi civilians was about 40 to one. The ratio in Baghdad today of American forces to Baghdad citizens is about 700 to one.

So I think at least there should be serious consideration about ramping up our presence in Baghdad in an effort to secure it.

WALLACE: More troops, not less.

**SENOR:** That's right.

**WALLACE:** And, Speaker Gingrich, do you think that that would sustain politically?

**GINGRICH:** Well, of course, it will sustain politically if the president can communicate to the country. But here's the key question, as Congresswoman Harman said. Khalilzad is as good an ambassador as we're ever going to get. Casey and Abizaid are doing a terrific job.

The three of them aren't calling for a change in strategy. The three of them are calling for effective continued implementation of a new Iraqi government.

**WALLACE:** And because we can never get enough of American politics, Speaker Gingrich, one last question. A few weeks ago you seemed to indicate that you probably were not going to run for president in 2008.

Then on Friday you made a speech in which you indicated that if the race is wide open in late 2007, you probably would run. So which is it?

**GINGRICH:** Well, what I said a couple weeks ago was that I was shifting from very unlikely to just unlikely, dropping the very, and I think I'll stick with that for the moment. But if there's a wide-open field in the fall of next year, I probably will be a candidate, to the great joy of Jane's friends, by the way, who will see a target-rich environment immediately.

**WALLACE:** And how do you side if it's a wide-open field?

**GINGRICH:** I think you look really at -- wide open about ideas more than about anything else, and I think the country is ready for real change, and the country wants dramatically more leadership, I think, in terms of real change.

**WALLACE:** Speaker Gingrich, Congresswoman Harman, Dan **Senor**, I want to thank you all very much for joining our own war council.

**SENOR:** Always a pleasure.

**WALLACE:** Coming up, our Sunday regulars assess the life and death of Zarqawi and what happens next in Iraq. We'll be right back.

## Military Analysts – Review of Comments, June 1 -14

### Summary

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- **Haditha** – The general sentiment was that, if soldiers are proven guilty, the incident was an isolated one. Though there is no excuse for such behavior, the nature of this long war defined by counterinsurgency tends to leave room for incidents such as Haditha, although it's "no My Lai." Several noted that it was essential for "balanced media coverage" and for everyone to reserve judgment until after the investigation. There was mixed feelings over whether this had damaged the military's reputation.
- **Zarqawi** – Military analysts celebrated the death of Zarqawi as a "psychological" victory, but cautioned that the violence would continue. The key to decreased violence would be to continue to "disassemble" his network, maintain momentum following the "bursting" the "Zarqawi myth" and have the new Cabinet in place and taking further action against the insurgency.
- **President's visit to Baghdad** – The visit was praised as a "tremendous move," "historic" and signaling key messages of commitment of the U.S. mission in Iraq.
- **Guantanamo** – The consensus was that detainees are treated humanely there, and that detainees need to remain there or else "end up in the battlefield."
- **Border Security** – The overall perspective was that, regardless of the border north or south, securing it should be taken seriously because terrorism is a global movement. Additionally, one analyst (former Brig. Gen. David L. Grange) believed that the National Guard's role should be expanded and be "robust up front."

### HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMENTS BY TOPIC

#### Guantanamo

##### Question over whether to close

- **Babbin**: I have been to Gitmo, and seen that "we are not mistreating people there..." we need to keep them there, away from doing harm to others.
- **Maginnis**: "...we've been trying to repatriate as many people as possible...But there are certain countries that are unwilling to meet the humane requirements for repatriation. And we're just concerned, to a certain degree, about these people ending up in the battlefield..."

##### Accountability

- **Jacobs**: "There's so much security... guards...so much supervision of the inmates that it's difficult to envision a circumstance in which this can happen and it can be excused. So I'm sure there's going to be discipline taken"

**On the DoD quickly putting together a press conference**

- Shepperd: "They're doing about what I would do and about the only thing you can do when things turn up bad for you"

**What we need is better guidelines**

- Cowan: We need interrogation rules but they shouldn't be too restrictive... "the current field manual language of 'humiliating and degrading treatment'" is a good example

**"Propaganda victory" too high for jihadists**

- McCaffrey: "The propaganda victory for jihadists is greater than the reward we're getting. Having said that, what do we do...we're in a very tricky judicial position"

**President's visit to Baghdad**

**Symbolized commitment, sent the right messages**

- McInerney: "And symbols like this -- it's more than symbolism. It is fact-finding -- a leader getting his feet on the ground, boots on the ground, and going eyeball to eyeball with our allies"
- Grange: It was "...a tremendous move" in showing the confidence and commitment of the U.S. to Iraq... "you can't beat that"
- Shepperd: "The President sent three messages. One to the troops, and it was thank you. One to the new Iraqi government, and it is we are behind you. And another to the American people, and it is that all of this is worth it. Those are important messages that only the president can carry right now"

**On possible topic of discussion of troop withdrawals**

- Jacobs: Not surprised that withdrawals will not be a topic in Baghdad. Advisors to Iraqi units will increase in number, but overall troop numbers will go down... "I expect them to be at or below 100,000 by the end of the year"

**Haditha**

**Americans and the media must reserve judgment until after the investigation**

- Babbin: Except for the aberrant few, the Marines are always faithful to America. In times such as this, we cannot fail to be faithful to them.
- Shepperd: on Haditha and other similar incidents: It's "very bad news. It's all the things you don't want to hear...see...suspect... Most of our troops over there are doing great work in terribly difficult situations"
- Spider Marks: 99.99% of Marines and soldiers act "with honor and dignity..." but we don't have a credibility problem... there are challenges
- Scales - "The global media has gotten every ounce of effect" out of recent incidents... but the soldiers are "innocent until proven guilty"
- Grange: "This is not another Vietnam" and if conclusions are made before the investigation is complete, it'll reflect in Americans' attitudes... "you must have balanced reporting"

**Accountability**

- Shepperd: Despite "great respect" for John Batiste, his point that the Secretary should resign because of the war and such incidents as Haditha will not change anything. "It wouldn't prevent a Haditha. He wasn't responsible for Haditha. This is a breakdown, if it happened, of command at the local level, values of the people that did it. That's what has to be zeroed in on, or you won't fix it."
- Shepperd: "I don't think there's going to be any whitewash of this"
- Jacobs: senior commanders are not paying as much attention as they should to the lower levels and making sure that things are done properly, people are schooled properly

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- Cowan: "... is not so much the incident we will find that's an aberrations, but we may find there was covering up going on that shouldn't have and that may be a cultural problem than aberration"

#### **The investigation is long overdue**

- Jacobs: It's "very bad news. Bad news doesn't get my better with age... You got to get ahead of the story, and you've got to either charge somebody, or clear everybody right away"

#### **Whether such incidents will hurt the U.S. image in Iraq**

- Jacobs: "We're not going to have very much effect one way or the other on the Iraqi people," even considering incidents such as Haditha. Instead, it'll have a negative affect on the American people and the troops' morale

#### **Such incidents, if proven, are isolated**

- Lt. Gen. Thomas McInerney - 99.99% of troops are acting "the way we've trained them"
- McInerney: Was Iraq in mid-December... This is "the best-trained force we have ever had"
- McCaffrey: "I think the issues are anomalies. These are not a failure of training or of policy...It looks like a squad snapped and deliberately murdered a couple dozen people over the space of several hours. A sad footnote to the horror of war."

### Zarqawi

#### **Great work by U.S., Iraqis**

- Shepperd: This is a real coup for intelligence and cooperation between the Iraqis and the Americans.
- McInerney: "There was some brilliant human intelligence work behind this...we've gotten inside their decision cycle and from a strategic point of view I believe al-Qaeda is finished in Iraq"

#### **Progress, but it's not over**

- Babbin: If the new defense ministers and the Iraqi government can "stomp on the rest of the insurgency" they can "make this is a tipping point" but it's not yet
- Jacobs: Violence will not stop or will decline slightly. If it does, it's likely due to the new Cabinet/government than to Zarqawi

#### **Symbolic, great impact on al Qaeda and Iraq**

- Maj. Gen. Robert H. Scales - "psychological impact... he was the inspirational head of the organization. So, when he was killed, you lost the brain and you lost the symbol of al-Qaeda in Iraq..."
- Grange: "I think the impact, one, has an effect on the Iraqi people because I think a little bit of a myth started with Zarqawi and killing him, I think, kind of broke that bubble.
- Cowan: "...it is not inconceivable that Zarqawi was done in by his own people because his own people were listening to bin Laden and saying we have got to get this guy out of here"
- McCaffrey: "The foreign fighters, in a strategic and operational sense, are getting defeated. So the Army-Marine elements, with very focused intelligence, have really taken the fun out of jihad"

### Border Security

#### **North or South, "doesn't matter"**

- Scales: "Remember, it's a global movement and they'll find a terrorist Petri dish in any country that doesn't have their alert up"



**"Let's be robust up front"**

- Grange: "I think we're a little short on both National Guard law enforcement and other means"

**Extremism is a global problem**

- Cowan: "I think it shows once again that this kind of extremism, fundamentalism can go anywhere in the world. We are certainly not the only ones people are after"

#### **EXCERPTS/LINKS**

##### **Mr. Jed Babbin**

##### **Haditha, the new Iraqi cabinet, Zarqawi**

**CNBC Kudlow and Company 6/12/2006 5:05:00 PM**

**Host:** Jed Babbin, first your take on the idea the government is irrelevant outside the green zone and second of all, Jed, doesn't this give a booster – I mean, it comes at a good time for about a thousand reasons, but, one of them is the whole Haditha controversy, and so forth. Does it give a lot of morale to the American troops.

**Babbin:** The point really comes down to, yes, this is a big boost, not just for us, but for the whole Iraqi operation. Our guys, yes, certainly, there is a lot of controversy surrounding, what probably happened in Haditha and also suffering a lack of progress in accomplishing the final gains of the war and it will not be a tipping point unless the Iraqis make it one and if the new defense minister and the interior minister and Maliki government can make it work and stomp on the rest of the insurgency and close the borders they can make it a tipping point but it is not one yet.

##### **Guantanamo**

**CNBC Kudlow & Company 6/12/2006 5:03:35 PM**

**Babbin:** The fact is what we are doing there is not mistreating these people, I have been there personally and have seen it, and what we are doing is consistent with international law and is consistent with the Geneva Conventions. These guys are not lawful combatants and you cannot put them in a regular POW camp. They don't have the status and are not entitled to it. What we are doing at Guantanamo Bay is not counterproductive and in fact is taking the very worst people in the world out of the way of our forces and putting them in a place where they can't hurt people anymore, each and every one of these guys, Larry, had at least one annual review of their case in front of an administrative tribunal and we let the people who are not connected to terrorism go. These are the bad guys. We need to keep them where they are behind the wire.

...If we had the ability to try them up until the time all the lefties and the ACLU and so forth tied it up in the U.S. courts and once the supreme court rules on the Hamden case, the cases will be tried and there is no way to handle these guys... it's wrong to say we have a long track record in trying these guys. We have one case, the Moussaoui case, which was a disaster in and of itself... there is nothing else you can point to that'll compare. What we're doing is constitutional.

##### **Haditha**

**Real Clear Politics: The Haditha Story – June 1**

**By Jed Babbin**

The accelerating media feeding frenzy over the alleged killings of twenty-four Iraqi civilians in Haditha by US Marines last November is about to overwhelm American politics. Propelled by their most irresponsible war critics, the left will try use Haditha as it used My Lai thirty years ago: as a political tool to take apart America's support for the war and to shatter the legitimacy of our cause and the morale of our troops.

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We have thousands of troops in harm's way around the world. We cannot allow them to believe - as their fathers in Vietnam came to believe - that Americans regard them with the same scorn as those who may have murdered innocents in Haditha...

Just as the few disgraced the many at Abu Ghraib, the very few who may have committed murder in Haditha will place a burden on the shoulders of every soldier, sailor, airman, marine and coast guardsman fighting terrorism. Each of us has a duty to not add to that burden, and to help relieve it as well. If those few Marines killed innocents in Haditha, their conduct is an aberration, not the norm. It is up to each one of us to ensure that the events of Haditha do not tarnish the brave and selfless service of the many who came before, or any who come after. Except for the aberrant few, the Marines are always faithful to America. In times such as this, we cannot fail to be faithful to them.

**Ret. Lt. Col. Bill Cowan**

**Zarqawi**

**Fox News: Fox and Friends First 6/8/2006 6:08:51 AM**

"...it is not inconceivable that Zarqawi was done in by his own people because his own people were listening to bin Laden and saying we have got to get this guy out of here. We have already picked our successor for him. let's get him aside and turn him over somehow to the U.S. coalition forces let's let them get him because we are ready to replace him with somebody more moderate not doing such drastic deeds against innocent people but who is going to continue the fight inside."

**Army field manual on interrogation**

**Fox News: The O'Reilly Factor - 6/6/2006 8:04:00 PM**

"But there are some people we're going to catch out there in the global war on terror, that we need to be able to put some tough standards to. And what we're suggesting here, the problem is while this debate is going on about a manual, we really need to have some kind of very specific laws written by Congress that tell us what we can or can't do. But they should never be too restrictive. What's restrictive in the field manual right now, the basic disagreement, is this - these words "humiliating and degrading treatment."

**Canada Terrorist plot**

**Fox News: Heartland With John Kasich - 6/3/2006 8:04:35 PM**

***Canada Terrorist plot***

"I think it shows once again that this kind of extremism, fundamentalism can go anywhere in the world. We are certainly not the only ones people are after"

***Haditha***

"The most important thing right away is all this new training that's going on in Iraq for people there and people getting ready to go... long term effect I think the bigger thing will come out of Haditha... is not so much the incident we will find that's an aberration, but we may find there was covering up going on that shouldn't have and that may be a cultural problem than aberration"

**Haditha**

**The American way? Pursue truth and accountability over civilian deaths - June 1**

(Sarasota Herald-Tribune)... Editorial

"Bill Cowan, a retired Marine colonel and analyst for Fox News, disagrees. "I think in the final analysis, the bigger story will be the notion of the cover-up and whether a culture of denial and cover-up exists," Cowan told us in an e-mail Wednesday. "Isolated atrocities are unacceptable, but clearly isolated. Any cover-up is a much bigger issue, which goes to the very heart of the Marine Corps and all it stands for."

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**Ret. Brig. Gen. David L. Grange**

**President's visit to Baghdad**

**CNN: Live Today - 6/13/2006 11:09:04 AM**

***President's visit***

- I think the face-to-face visit was a tremendous move just to show confidence and commitment of the United States of America to the success of this effort in Iraq. And I think you can't beat that
- Don't let that momentum slip away, but continue to force that aggressive offensive spirit and get a handle on this right now to give the government a chance to succeed.

***Draw-down in troops***

- If conditions go the way they are now, I think near the end of this year, that late, you know, into the fall, late summer, into the fall, they'll start maybe moving some U.S. troops out of there. But again, it truly is situational dependent, and the enemy has a vote

**CNN: Lou Dobbs Tonight - June 9**

Repeated comments on tape from June 1" appearance on "Lou Dobbs"

**Zarqawi**

**CNN: Lou Dobbs Tonight - 6/8/2006 6:32:33 PM**

"I think the impact, one, has an effect on the Iraqi people because I think a little bit of a myth started with Zarqawi and killing him, I think, kind of broke that bubble. Even though he may not have controlled all of the insurgency, it does have an effect. It has an effect on the Iraqi police, and the military. Gives them a little bit of a shot in the arm as well as the coalition forces. So I think in perception, psychologically, it did have an effect... The tenacity now has increased. Morale has increased for the U.S. troops. So, I mean, this is very favorable, absolutely."

**Zarqawi**

**CNN: Live Today - 6/8/2006 10:06:39 AM**

"...this is a great psychological impact against the enemy. It's a great impact with the population because it was almost like this guy was invincible to the Iraqi people."

**Zarqawi**

**Headline News: Robin & Company - 6/8/2006 9:20:31 AM**

Comments similar to one made on CNN's "Live Today."

**Batiste criticism of Secretary/Haditha**

**CNN: Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer - 6/4/2006 12:18:07 PM**

***Batiste criticism of Secretary***

"I don't agree that the secretary should resign. I do think there needs to be a little bit of changes, some changes in how the relationships and communications is handled between senior military officers, senior civilian leadership in the military and junior ranks that are in the field."

***Haditha***

"Well, it's going to have a lot of impact. Whether guilty or innocent, it will have a lot of impact because the local media will disinformation -- there will be disinformation that will come out from these acquisitions, and it'll cause problems for the soldiers regardless. And so, yes, there's going to be some bad fallout from this, just like in the prison scandal."

#### **Haditha**

**Headline News -- Glenn Beck - 6/3/2006 7:31:57 PM**

"This is not another Vietnam. It is going to rely on the will of the American people to finish this mission that we're on. That depends on balanced media coverage. And if you make comments out of the box before, again, the investigations complete or you just report the fire and blood, you know, if it burns, it leads, that's the kind of attitude the American people are going to have. You must have balanced reporting."

#### **Haditha**

**CNN Live Saturday - 6/3/2006 5:18:56 PM**

"Well, the United States military is more prepared than most armies in the world for this, in regards to treatment of civilians on the battlefield. And regrettably some incidents do happen. What's going to happen, though, is that whether they are guilty or not, the disinformation in Iraq and elsewhere is going to make them look guilty... And we have to remember the vast majority of men and women doing their job on the battlefield, doing it well, what we are hearing about, the reports in Haditha are hopefully just a minority."

#### **Haditha**

**CNN: Lou Dobbs Tonight - 6/2/2006 6:29:12 PM**

"I just think that's important to recognize, however. But the longer a war goes on where you have combat situations one after another, you're going to have an incident. It doesn't mean it's right, but they're going to come -- they're going to happen, there is no doubt about it... Well, it's an insurgency, definitely an insurgency, a long type of conflict, and it's not explained properly up front. And that's why we have the confusion now and why we have this debate, is that people don't understand what type of war we're in, because it was not articulated properly at the beginning."

#### **Border Security**

**CNN: Lou Dobbs Tonight - 6/1/2006 6:30:29 PM**

"I think if we really are serious about this, and I don't mean fortifying the border, I mean just securing the border, I think we're a little short on both National Guard law enforcement and other means. I mean, if we're going to be serious about it, let's be robust up front, especially when everybody knows we're going to do this... One thing this military does well is that when it has an issue like this, it takes care of it. I mean we're a military of the United States of America that in fact cleans up any mess it produces in that regard."

#### **Ret. Col. Jack Jacobs**

#### **President Bush's Baghdad Visit**

**MSNBC 6/12/2006 12:38:33 PM**

**Host:** ... Joining me is retired military colonel and Analyst Jack Jacobs. First, what did the White House have to say about these meetings? They said do not expect an announcement about levels, reductions, troops coming home. Does that surprise you at all?

**Jacobs:** No. They want to make it look like we're really working hard to do what we need to do and that means training Iraqis. We're going to have an increase in the number of advisors to Iraqi units. But overall, the number of troops, I believe, will come down. Don't forget, this is a political season. There's a very important midterm election taking place in November. I expect troop levels to be at or below 100,000 by the end of the year.

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### **Zarqawi**

**MSNBC -- Countdown With Keith Olbermann 6/8/2006 9:33:15 AM**

**Host:** Right now we want to turn to MSNBC military analyst, retired Colonel Jack Jacobs. Jack, what's the immediate impact now of Zarqawi's death on the insurgency there in Iraq?

**Jacobs:** Well, I think the sectarian violence is not going to necessarily abate. And if it does, it's not going to be very much. If it does, it's more a function of getting a new defense and interior minister and it looks like the government is coalescing because of al Zarqawi's death. And it means from a longer-term standpoint. Don't forget, not only was Zarqawi killed but his number two guy, the spiritual advisor... Makes it difficult them him to get money; and because the terrorist network was broken up into so many different cells... there will be cells running around with no leadership at all... we might see a lull in activity from Zarqawi's organization... another positive aspect is that we will have the opportunity to target other cells who haven't been in our sights up until now.

### **Guantanamo**

**NBC Nightly News, June 10 6:30 PM EST NBC**

**Jacobs:** There's so much security, there are so many guards, there's so much supervision of the inmates that it's difficult to envision a circumstance in which this can happen and it can be excused. So I'm sure there's going to be discipline taken.

### **Haditha**

**MSNBC's COUNTDOWN June 2, 8:00 PM EST**

**Jacobs:** Haditha is a different story altogether. The incident apparently happened in November. We know that an investigation wasn't begun until February. It's now June. Very bad news. Bad news doesn't get my better with age. You got to jump on it right away. You got to get ahead of the story, and you've got to either charge somebody, or clear everybody right away.

**Olbermann:** Haditha, Ishaqi, Hamandiyah, Abu Ghraib, no matter what the investigations ultimately conclude in each case, perception alone, is it still possible for the U.S. to win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people?

**Jacobs:** Oh, I think we're not going to have very much effect one way or the other on the Iraqi people. There's a large number of them who like us being there, and there's a bunch of them who don't want us to be there. Eventually they'll all want us to leave. And I don't think incidents like this necessarily have an effect one way or the other on the Iraqi people and their view about us and our being there ...

**Olbermann:** One last question, Jack. Is this kind of thing evidence of a fatigue of the military, the overstretched criticism that we keep hearing about the U.S. military in Iraq, in Afghanistan, elsewhere around the world, that we're too thin, and it's now showing up on the ground?

**Jacobs:** No, I think that this is a reflection of poor leadership in areas that should always have good leadership. It means that senior commanders are not paying as much attention as they should to the lower levels and making sure that things are done properly, people are schooled properly. It's a separate issue altogether. We don't have enough troops there, we've never had enough troops there. And we need to have lots more troops there if we're ever going to be successful.

### **Ret. Lt. Col. Robert Maginnis**

### **Guantanamo**

**CNN: Your World Today - 6/12/2006 12:21:39 PM**

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"...we've been trying to repatriate as many people as possible...But there are certain countries that are unwilling to meet the humane requirements for repatriation. And we're just concerned, to a certain degree, about these people ending up in the battlefield...Now, as far as humane treatment, I've been at Guantanamo. I've seen all the facilities, the food, the medical treatment, and so forth. So I think they're being treated humanely."

**Ret. Gen. James "Spider" Marks**

**Haditha**

**CNN's ANDERSON COOPER 360 DEGREES June 2, 10:00 PM EST**

**Marks:** I don't think there's a credibility issue at stake here. What we have is aberrant behavior that has taken place. Granted, there are a number of investigations, and these investigations need to be full and open, as they will be. But it's inappropriate to determine, at this point, in advance of any of the findings, that there is credibility at stake. Ninety-nine percent of those Marines -- and I would tend to agree with the assessment that 99.9 percent of the Marines and the soldiers on the ground are conducting themselves with honor and dignity, and there's goodwill in a lot of corners in Iraq. Clearly, there are challenges. There will be this type of behavior. It's unfortunate... The core values training that takes place is routine in the military. This isn't something that just happens as a result of problems and incidents that occur in extremis. I mean, this is routine type of training that takes place.

**Ret. Gen. Barry McCaffrey**

**Analysts visit with President**

**Draw-down of troops**

**Guantanamo**

**NBC News: Today Show - 6/12/2006 7:16:17 AM**

*Analysts visit with President*

Well, I think he's, you know, very much open to new thinking. Steve Hadley and Josh Bolten and the White House team were in the back of the room taking notes. He had six people in there. I think all of us essentially supported the notion of taking down the Saddam regime, but had different ideas on how to go forward.

*Draw-down of troops*

Well, I think they're going to be very leery of announcing timetables, but it's clear to me that in the near term--six months, 12 months--we've got to withdraw a substantial amount of our combat power... I don't think so, although I do think there's a political dimension to it, there's no question. I think the bigger issue is that the current size of the Army and Marine Corps cannot keep this up. So I do think that General Casey and General Abizaid will have the final vote on troop strength.

*Guantanamo*

Well, it's a huge political liability. I've looked at our detention centers in Afghanistan and Iraq. We've now straightened our act out. They're professional, humane, we're doing the right thing. But we've got--at the end of the day, the next couple of years we've got to walk away from Guantanamo. The propaganda victory for jihadists is greater than the reward we're getting. Having said that, what do we do? A third of these guys are extremely dangerous. And we're also having trouble sending them back to their home countries, in many cases where they face a fate a heck of a lot worse than Guantanamo. So I think we're in a very tricky judicial position.

**Guantanamo  
Zarqawi  
Sustainability of Iraq mission  
Afghanistan**

**NBC: Meet the Press – 6/11/2006 5:01:55 AM**

*Guantanamo*

I think the problems of the first year—we had some real serious difficulties complying with, I think, our own national and international law—are gone. Firm, humane, professional way of handling it. Guantanamo's a special case. It's become a huge political problem for us, in the Gulf region in particular. I don't know how we get out of this. Some of these people are extremely dangerous. This was an act of political warfare by the three people that committed suicide, the same as a suicide bomber in downtown Baghdad. But we got a challenge trying to think our way through how to close down Guantanamo in the next two or three years and get these people into some other judicial system...I think right now the payoff in propaganda for the international jihadists is, is enormous. But the question is how do we back our way out of it?"

*Zarqawi*

Well, we can't ever ignore good news. This fellow was ferociously dangerous. He raised a lot of money for them. He was very good at information operations. It's a great blessing to the Iraqi people. He was slaughtering Shiite civilians by the thousands, literally. Having said that, look, al-Qaeda in Iraq has turned mostly Iraqi Sunni Muslim.

*Sustainability of Iraq mission*

"Well, if we had 10 years to work the issue, there's a 99 percent probability we'll achieve our objective. But I don't think we've got that much time. So it seems to me, in the next couple years prior to Mr. Bush leaving office, it has to appear to the American people this thing is working. And therein lies the risk. Because--so we've got to hurriedly transfer security arrangements to a force that's ill-equipped, the Iraqi security forces, and is yet probably inadequate to stand on their own. Plus, I think the United States Army and Marine Corps, and elements of the Air Force--C-17 lift, special operations command--cannot maintain this pace of deployment. But we've got to draw down, and pretty soon, maybe 50 to 100,000 troops by next summer. But otherwise, we risk breaking the force...My guess is, though, Tim, these guys are actually going to pull their act together. It may be a weak government, it may be ineffective, but the prospect of turning Iraq into Lebanon is a frightening one to the Iraqis as well as their allies like us."

*Afghanistan*

"The Taliban two years ago were in 10-man units. A year ago in 100-man units. This year they're in battalion-size units, 300, 400 people. There's a huge offensive going on... Things are starting to work in Afghanistan. We've got to push back. NATO's coming in. We got to keep our fingers crossed...But this is going to be a tough year in Afghanistan, also."

*Zarqawi*

**MSNBC: The Situation With Tucker Carlson - 6/8/2006 11:12:10 PM**

"Well, they're now speculating on who will be up next. Clearly, it won't end the Zarqawi network...It struck me that 90 percent of al-Qaeda in Iraq is now Iraqi Sunni Muslim. The foreign fighters, in a strategic and operational sense, are getting defeated. So the Army-Marine elements, with very focused intelligence, have really taken the fun out of jihad... Well, I think another good thing that came out of today was Zarqawi darn near got them into open civil war with a bombing of the Samarra mosque. They came right up to the edge. They didn't like what they saw, and they retreated from it... But I think killing this guy, we're now watching the Iraqi people definitely turn

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against the foreign fighters. They do not want, generally speaking, a civil war. So I think his death also underscores sort of an Iraqi rejection of that kind of jihad."

**Zarqawi**

NBC News: Today Show - 6/8/2006 4:16:43 AM

Well, I don't think there's a political implication to this, to be honest. I--you know, I think the policy misjudgments of the past three years have been significant. What we need to underscore is the unbelievable courage and cleverness of these Special Operations units, air/land/sea, that achieved significant...gift to the Iraqi people.

**Haditha**

NBC News: Nightly News - June 2

"I think the issues are anomalies. These are not a failure of training or of policy...It looks like a squad snapped and deliberately murdered a couple dozen people over the space of several hours. A sad footnote to the horror of war."

Ret. Lt. Gen. Thomas McInerney

**Bush Visit**

Fox News: Your World With Nell Cavuto - 6/14/2006 1:03:56 AM

"This is historic, showing the two presidents together and the new government. The cabinet meeting they had this morning, joint cabinet meeting between the U.S. and the Iraqi, the war cabinets and the symbol that the president is putting behind our men and women over there - and our commitment to the nation as a coalition that we, in fact, are going to stand. We are not going to be "cut and run" people like the left is trying to do in the United States. So this sends a huge signal in the world and I believe it's critical in the global war on terror. And symbols like this -- it's more than symbolism. It is fact-finding -- a leader getting his feet on the ground, boots on the ground, and going eyeball to eyeball with our allies. And I think that is extremely important."

**Zarqawi**

Fox News: Fox News Live - 6/8/2006 9:46:57 AM

"No, there was some brilliant human intelligence work behind this, Jon. We'll not know about it because we don't want to expose it, but we've gotten obviously inside their decision cycle and that's a very important thing as we go forward. There's no question there's going to be a lot more activity and killings, the senseless killings that al-Qaeda is so famous for, but in retribution -- but frankly, we've gotten inside their decision cycle and from a strategic point of view I believe al-Qaeda is finished in Iraq."

**Haditha**

Fox News: Hannity & Colmes - 6/1/2006 9:01:30 PM

"We need to give our people the benefit of the doubt. They are fighting a very difficult war over there...I don't think it's widespread at all. First of all, this came from a Sunni group that provided the movies...this was the best-trained force we have ever had. It is tough fighting. Things do happen when you have a counterinsurgency. Bombs go off. People are returning fire. You've got incoming fire. But I do not believe that there's deliberate killing of people or you would know it right away... You may have a case. You may have a case where there is deliberate killing for rage or something. But it is probably 99.999 percent that you don't have and everything is going the way we've trained them."

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**Maj. Gen. Robert H. Scales**

**Zarqawi**

**Fox News: On the Record With Greta Van Susteren - 6/8/2006 10:05:16 PM**

"I think the key point here is the psychological impact of this. Remember, Zarqawi was two things. He was sort of the CEO. of this organization. In the sense that he controlled all of the money, he made all of the key assignments and he was also the psychological head of this organization. He was sort of the inspirational head of the organization. So, when he was killed, you lost the brain and you lost the symbol of al-Qaeda in Iraq..."

**Zarqawi**

**NPR: Morning Edition - June 8**

"Well, there're two facts that play - three facts that play in this, Mike. It's not only the death of Zarqawi, which is significant because Zarqawi was, in effect, the brains of the outfit. But also, secondly, was the fact that he was given up either by some of his own people, or by Sunnis who were very close to the insurgency, which shows a certain fracturing within the Sunni community, and a sense of dissatisfaction with foreign involvement in the insurgency. And third was something that's not been reported on - which is very significant - and that's an enormous amount of intelligence data gathered from laptops and documents and so forth that's been scooped up, which may allow coalition forces to begin to unravel the network. Because in an insurgency, it's not just the guy at the top, but it's the network - it's the ability to disassemble, if you will, the network that leads to success in a counter-insurgency war."

**Border Security**

**Fox News: Your World With Neil Cavuto - 6/5/2006 4:03:16 PM**

"I don't think it really matters. I think if they are looking for fertile ground they would go down south. Remember, it's a global movement and they'll find a terrorist Petri dish in any country that doesn't have their alert up."

**Haditha**

**Fox News: On the Record With Greta Van Susteren - 6/2/2006 10:50:52 PM**

"We don't know what happened at this point, Greta. You know, soldiers, just like civilians, are innocent until proven guilty, and have the privilege of due process just like everyone else... In a war like this, in a counterinsurgency, it's perceptions, unfortunately, that count, Greta. The global media has gotten every ounce of effect out of these two alleged incidents that they can. but it's important to understand that these soldiers are innocent until proven guilty... I think that our responsibility is to get to the bottom of this and find out exactly what happened in the surest way to reduce the stress of these events is to get to the bottom of it and present the facts and put them on the table."

**Haditha**

**NPR: All Things Considered - June 2**

"When innocents die, America loses another set of allegiances and the road to success becomes steeper and more uncertain. But Iraq isn't Vietnam, and if the allegations of the murder of civilians are substantiated, Haditha won't be My Lai."

**Haditha**

**Fox News: Hannity & Colmes - 6/1/2006 9:01:30 PM**

"When you fight an insurgency or a counterinsurgency, you don't know who the enemy is. And oftentimes an ambush, a roadside bomb, a suicide bomber blowing up a vehicle, you see your buddy torn to shreds... But having said that, Sean, there are laws of war and there is rules of

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engagement. And soldiers and Marines are held accountable even under the toughest circumstances...Oh, come on. That's right. But it is very important, Sean. I was in Vietnam when My Lai broke. You know, Iraq is not Vietnam. And Haditha, whatever happened there, is not My Lai. In My Lai, there were hundreds of innocent civilians who were killed by a company of soldiers. It was covered up for well over a year. Whatever happened in Iraq, this is a far more professional force than the force that I fought with in Vietnam."

**Ret. Maj. Gen. Don Shepperd**

**President Bush's Baghdad visit**

**CNN LIVE FROM... June 13 1:30 PM EST**

**Shepperd:** Well, I'll tell you, it was somewhat predictable in the sense that I figured for sure that the president was going to go over to boost this new Iraqi government. I've been in the place where the troops are gathered there, in the hall, on previous visits. And to me, the president sent three messages. One to the troops, and it was thank you. One to the new Iraqi government, and it is we are behind you. And another to the American people, and it is that all of this is worth it. Those are important messages that only the president can carry right now.

**Host:** Well, he mentioned Zarqawi and the troops went wild. That's definitely a big deal for the U.S. military, obviously a big deal for the president, but if you look at the polls, the recent polls, for the public, it's not that big a deal.

**Shepperd:** ...For the troops over there, it's an up and down. These kids are in a very, very tough mission. When you visit them, they believe in what they're doing, they believe it's important. They don't believe that the American public or the world understands what they're doing, and the danger of it. They all want to be home, no question about that. But when the president visits, it's a big morale booster.

**Haditha**

**CNN LIVE EVENT/SPECIAL June 11 1:00 PM EST**

**Blitzer:** ... On Thursday, Jamie McIntyre reported on photos that added weight to accusations Iraqis were deliberately killed by U.S. Marines in the town of Haditha. As good as the other news, General Shepperd, about Abu Musab al Zarqawi and the new Iraqi government, this is pretty bad news.

**Shepperd:** Wolf, it's very bad news. It's all the things you don't want to hear and you don't want to see and you don't want to suspect. Most of our troops over there are doing great work in terribly difficult situations. What appears to be going on over there particularly in the Haditha, we have been very careful not to convict these people ahead of time, but it looks like we're going to look at the initial report, the review of that report and then the investigation of what actually took place, and following that will be OK, this is what took place.

**Zarqawi**

**CNN's LIVE FROM... June 8, 1:41 PM EST**

**Shepperd:** ... This (Zarqawi's death) is a real coup for intelligence and cooperation between the Iraqis and the Americans; who were able to keep this secret for a long period of time.

**Haditha**

**CNN's ANDERSON COOPER 360 DEGREES June 7, 10:00 PM EST**

**Shepperd:** John, this is looking very, very ugly. I am convinced that the military will get to the bottom of this, that all of us will find out what happened. I'm convinced that it will take some time to do that. But I'm — I don't think there's going to be any whitewash of this. I am very careful, as you stated in the first of the piece here, to not convict these people by things that we see, which are partial evidence. These men are going to have their right in court. But they are

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going to look at the investigation: they are going to look at those who reviewed the investigation, and then they are going to look at what happened. And it's sounding really ugly.

**Host:** General John Batiste has said that Secretary Donald Rumsfeld should resign, because his policies created conditions in Iraq, which led to the alleged atrocities in Haditha. You disagree with that position and feel that Batiste has crossed the line. Why do you feel that way?

**Shepperd:** First of all, I have got great respect for John Batiste. He's a good guy and, by reputation, a very good soldier. He's been in the middle of things in Iraq. I have not. I have visited there, but not been. But John's point, I think, is that the Secretary should resign because of the way the war is going. I don't think that the resignation of the secretary of defense right now will do anything. It wouldn't prevent a Haditha. He wasn't responsible for Haditha. This is a breakdown, if it happened, of command at the local level, values of the people that did it. That's what has to be zeroed in on, or you won't fix it. You're not looking for scapegoats. And the idea that, if we had simply had more troops there, none of this would have happened, I simply disagree with, John.

#### Guantanamo

##### CNN LIVE SATURDAY June 10, 5:00 PM EST

**Host:** When you take a look at how quickly they scrambled to get this press briefing -- it had to be a teleconference because they didn't even have time to get cameras there. And then you listen to the language in the briefing, the Rear Admiral, the commander down there at Guantanamo, called it an act of warfare, these suicides. What do you make of the language and the timing of this briefing?

**Shepperd:** They're doing about what I would do if I were still in uniform. It's the only thing you can do. Guantanamo has become a, as I say, a symbol of the United States. Zarqawi was a symbol and Guantanamo is a symbol. And it's a very burdensome symbol on us.

And so what they are basically doing is trying to get out as much information as possible, letting them know letting us know what happened, but trying to be sensitive on this and trying to get ahead of the story, rather, because they know what's coming with this.

They know that the international community is going to be incensed -- did we kill these people? Were we careless? This is clearly an act of defiance, whether it's an act of warfare. That's a choice of words. But it's clearly an act of defiance by the prisoners here.

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Roger!

Tom

tom, i'll check into it. thanks for sending this along.

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Eric

Attached is a request from Melanie Morgan from KFSO Radio in San Francisco who is Chairman of MOVE AMERICA FORWARD which is very supportive of our war efforts in Iraq. She has made a request to Gen Abizaid to bring a number of Gold Star Family members to Iraq which sounds like a good idea if we can do it. However I know they are overloaded in theater but it would get very good play in the media and tell our story with these dedicated families of our deceased members. Melanie appears to be very determined to do this with or without DOD support so I think it is worthwhile to work with her.

Tom

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General McInerney,

Any help would be very much appreciated.

In the attachment, you will find the letter of response to Centcom about our Gold Star Family member trip to Iraq.

Warmest Regards,  
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I always try to. Thanks.

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Under international law Gitmo IS legal, and we can keep enemy combatants 'til the year 2525 without charge or trial. Much as the left doesn't like that, but they are both wrong and dangerously so.

RealClearPolitics - Articles - No Alternative to Gitmo

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 Simmons - Ken Timmerman's Article in Newmax

Many of us have known that the enemy is already here and is biding his time before they hit us hard. Over the last couple of months Jed Babbin has written excellent articles expressing the concerns of many of us. Now, we know why and how easy it is to import Al Quaeda and other terrorist operatives. Ken's article is outstanding and should be front page or lead off news. This information is some of the most important in the war on terror. All of the fences, walls and security can't stop this when its coming from within. We should be very concerned. Take care.  
 Wayne

<http://www.newsmax.com/archives/articles/2006/6/13/154454.shtml?s=et>



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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2006 4:41 PM  
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
Subject: RE: Jed Babbin

i talked to bg hemingway. he was talking to jed about something else and jed mentioned in passing that it might be good to get him back down there. i have not talked to jed. i mentioned it to ab to see what she thinks about taking another trip... i'm not sure if we shouldn't just have press ops work this one for jed if he's the one interested in going and if it's for his radio hits???

thanks  
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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
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To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
Subject: Re: Jed Babbin

(b)(6) please start w/the general and then let me know. If you have already reached out to jed, nbd. Thanks.

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
Sent: Tue Jun 13 13:50:16 2006  
Subject: RE: Jed Babbin

we'd talked about one three months ago, but never did anything with it. after the suicides, might not be a bad idea... i'll call the general and jed and see what's cooking.  
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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
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To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
Subject: FW: Jed Babbin

do we have another gtmo trip for analysts planned? otherwise, what's the deal with something like this? can you call him and clarify. i'm on my way to the hill with the boss and will be gone until tomorrow. thanks.

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From: Hemingway, Thomas, BG, DoD OGC  
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2006 1:14 PM  
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
Subject: Jed Babbin

Eric

I believe Jed Babbin might be interested in a return trip to Guantanamo and a meeting with Admiral Harris. Would your office be interested in supporting this trip? I'm sure all your folks are familiar with the tremendous support we've received from Jed.

Tom

Thomas L. Hemingway, Brig Gen, USAF

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**Subject:** The UN (Sigh) again

I haven't written about the UN in quite a while. Mark Malloch Brown stirred me to action. Best, Jed.

The American Spectator

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**Subject:** Human Events: Zarqawi

They wanted a quick hit on Zarqawi; here it is.

[HUMAN EVENTS ONLINE - Zarqawi's Network Is Left in Shambles by Jed Babbin](#)

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**Subject:** Chertoff Follies- Today's Spectator

This shouldn't be funny, but Abbot and Costello woulda done a better job.

The American Spectator

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**From:** JedBabbin@  
**Sent:** Friday, June 02, 2006 6:53 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Re: Hugh Hewitt Show

Eric: Roger all. Hope you saw the RealClearPolitics piece yesterday and the O'Reilly hit last nite. Will be on "Dayside" today about 1300 doing more of the same. Thanks, Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
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**Cc:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Re: American Morning with U.S. Army Col. Jeffrey McCausland

Hi. Thanks so much for sending! We do keep these, so it is helpful. And glad the stuff I sent was useful to you! :) have a great weekend, and don't hesitate to ask if you need anything else.

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**From:** McCausland, Jeffrey  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**CC:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Fri Jun 02 13:38:02 2006  
**Subject:** American Morning with U.S. Army Col. Jeffrey McCausland

(b)(6) - don't know if you keep this stuff but CNN sent me this transcript. Just wanted to thank you again because the material you sent me very early this morning was very useful in trying to explain what is going on and trying to put the best possible face on it.

You are a pro...

Jeff

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MILES O'BRIEN, CNN ANCHOR: Good morning to you. I'm Miles O'Brien.  
SOLEDAD O'BRIEN, CNN ANCHOR: And I'm Soledad O'Brien.

A lot of talk this morning, serious talk, about U.S. Marines and soldiers in Iraq crossing the line and taking aim at innocence. All of it is still in the realm of accusations, but the investigations into U.S. killings in Haditha, Ishaqi and now Hamandiyah prompting the Pentagon to order lectures on core values for all U.S. troops in Iraq.

For more on the charges and that U.S. response, we turn to retired U.S. Army Col. Jeffrey McCausland who is a CBS contributor. He joins us this morning.

Colonel, good to have you with us.

COL. JEFFREY MCCAUSLAND, U.S. ARMY (RET.): Miles, great to be with you.

M. O'BRIEN: It's kind of extraordinary. As a matter of fact, as best I can tell, unprecedented to have these core values lectures in the midst of a conflict in theater, so to speak.

MCCAUSLAND: It is pretty unprecedented. I can't recall, and I've talked to colleagues of mine who serve in combat as well elsewhere, any time where we've done this type of training and education in a combat operational theater.

M. O'BRIEN: What is the message if you can boil it down? I know it's a fairly complicated thing and it's intricate, but what are you -- what are the leadership trying to impart to the troops in the field?

MCCAUSLAND: Well the first thing that is important to stress is this is reinforcement. The education and training a soldier gets on professional values begins when they enter basic training. So this is nothing new to these particular soldiers. But what I think it will encapsulize is four areas.

First of all, they're going to want to talk to them again about those professional values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor and personal courage.

Then they're going to talk about individual and command responsibilities. Each soldier, sailor, airmen, marines has responsibility for their actions, but commanders have responsibility for the actions of their units, proper reporting, proper training, et cetera.

Thirdly, I think they're going to spend time again reemphasizing Iraqi cultural values. And here units may have some particular nuance, depending on their area of operation, Shi'a area, Sunni area, Kurdish, et cetera.

And finally, this won't be so much lectures as discussions. They'll want to use operational vignettes. If you use talking about scenarios that are specific to the area they're at to get the soldiers to think and talk about particular things they may well encounter. M. O'BRIEN: Do you suspect that these talks, discussions, lectures, whatever you want to call them, that they will be really embraced by the troops or will they be not taken so seriously given all the pressure, stresses? I mean, after all, every day they face the possibility of being under attack, of being killed.

MCCAUSLAND: Well, it is hard to say for, obviously, each individual soldier, marine. But I think they're going to take it quite seriously, because one of the things they also want to talk about is the second and third order of effects. You know casual things you might do that will offend an Iraqi may reverberate across and affect an operation or one of your fellow service members. And you know a lot of our soldiers now are embedded with Iraqi units for their training and to assist them in military operations. And obviously they're in a particularly difficult situation in this environment.

M. O'BRIEN: It seems as if this could be interpreted, and I'm curious what your thoughts are on this, especially now that we're looking this morning at at least three incidents of allegations of this kind of thing, of a failure of leadership. Would you agree with that? And if so, who would you point the finger at?

MCCAUSLAND: Well there's two investigations going on since we knew about Haditha. And all of these, I'm sure, will be the same, and that is what exactly happened and then what did the command do about it?

And in Haditha, there's the possibility, and I stress possibility, that some people in the chain of command may have attempted to cover it up. And if that's the case, then very serious court-martial action, I expect, will be taken against them as well, because that's where the command responsibility comes in, and as you rightfully point out, potential failures in leadership.

M. O'BRIEN: But is there a command responsibility to impart a message that part of the mission in Iraq, matter of fact may be the lion's share of the mission at this point, is to win the hearts and minds of the people? And that, at times, in real-time situations, split-second decisions is at odds with preserving their own lives for that matter?

MCCAUSLAND: Well, you know, Miles, that is imparted to them all the time.

I was in Iraq twice last year, and let me tell you a story. I was with a lance corporal walking through the streets of Falluja about a month after the battle. And this young lance corporal turned to me and he said, you know what, sir, we could kill more of these people, we've shown our ability to do that. What's more important right now is for us to



make more friends in this particular area and that's what we need to work on.

So I think every soldier, sailor, airman and marine understands that to a large degree that this is all about winning the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people. And we've got to work with the new Iraqi government to accomplish that.

M. O'BRIEN: Give us a sense, no matter how these investigations play out, how much damage has been done so far?

MCCAUSLAND: Well, I think terrific damage has been done so far, not only to the morale and the spirit of the soldiers. You know we have got to keep in mind that we have now had over a million soldiers and marines and sailors serve in this theater. We have some cases, maybe of a handful, it shouldn't besmirch those particular soldiers that have served so well.

Obviously it will reverberate in the press internationally. The Arab world will see these photographs eventually, if they have not already, on their own newspapers, magazines. It will have a terrific affect adversely there.

And finally, how the American people will react to allegations, if proven, of these type of atrocities has a -- it will have a terrific affect back here at home.

M. O'BRIEN: Lots to consider there.

Ret. Col. Jeffrey McCausland, thanks for your time this morning.

MCCAUSLAND: Pleasure to be with you.

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(b)(6) -- the plot thickens...will be on CNN American Morning tomorrow at 0830.

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**Attachments:** 06-01-06 Haditha.doc



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Attached please find the transcript from this afternoon's military analyst call on Haditha.

Briefers were BGen Sandkuhler and Col (b)(6)

The call was ON BACKGROUND.

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Transcript  
Conference call with military analysts  
Thursday, June 1, 2006  
Subject: Haditha  
Host: (b)(6) OSD-Public Affairs  
Briefers: Marine Brig. Gen. Kevin Sandkuhler, staff judge advocate to the Commandant;  
Marine (b)(6) deputy director of Marine Corps Public Affairs  
Transcriber: (b)(6)  
ON BACKGROUND

(b)(6) Again, thanks for joining us this afternoon. This is obviously a hot topic and an important one and we appreciate you taking time out.

I have with me Brigadier General Kevin Sandkuhler. He is the staff judge advocate to the commandant of the Marine Corps. And I also have (b)(6) with me who is Brigadier General (Mary) Krusa-Dossin's PAO. So he'll be also able to speak to you on the subject.

This call is on background, so as always, we ask that you only quote senior DoD officials with the information that you receive on this call. So with that, I am going to go ahead and hand it over to the general and the colonel, so they will make brief opening remarks and then we're, you know, free to take questions.

(b)(6) Gents, thank you again. (b)(6) here. Again, I am the deputy director of public affairs for the Marine Corps. We do appreciate you taking the time. Hopefully we can give you some information that will be of use to you, as I am sure you are being pressed – maybe not as much as we have – but certainly enough to comment on this situation.

As you all recognize, we are in a pretty tenuous situation here, with an ongoing investigation which constrains us from what we are able to say. We are certainly helped by those of you who have an understanding of the system and aren't on active duty. You have a little bit more freedom to talk about things, so we're hoping that we can give you information that's useful in allowing you to do those things when you are asked to comment.

I guess, just as a - I'll do a quick background on the situation just in case anybody isn't completely up to speed. Incidents of 19 November 2005 in Haditha in western Iraq. At the time it was Two Marine Expeditionary Force, which had command of that area of operations in Anbar Province. The third battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Marines, which is normally part of the First Marine Division, was attached to 2 MEF for those operations. Three-one, I'll use the shorthand – is back in the U.S. now, has redeployed to their home base at Camp Pendleton. If there is from the investigations that are ongoing any type of follow-up legal action it is likely to be handled at Camp Pendleton because again that's where the unit that is involved is based currently.

As you may all may know already, Time Magazine is the ones who kind of brought this to the military that started at first an initial inquiry by Multi-National Corps – Iraq. They found enough there to convene a second AR15-6 investigation, which is headed by Major General (Eldon) Bargewell, which is ongoing at this point. And Major General (Richard C.) Zilmer, who is the current commander of Multi-National Force – West convened a -- Naval Criminal Investigative Service investigation. So those are the two ongoing investigations -- the AR15-6 and the NCIS investigation.

I am sure you have been asked, as we have, about when those are going to wrap up. We don't know. It is certainly not expected to be imminent, despite reports that you see. Again, can't put a time frame on it, and General Sandkuhler can probably talk more about why it's so difficult to kind of nail down how long investigations take and he'll talk process stuff.

So hopefully that brings you all up to speed. If I have repeated or said anything that you are already aware of I apologize, but I just wanted to make sure we are starting on a level playing field. I'll let General Sandkuhler now talk about some of the legal issues associated with where we are today.

Sandkuhler: Good afternoon, Kevin Sandkuhler here. I am the staff judge advocate to the commandant of the Marine Corps, the senior military lawyer to the Marine Corps.

One of the reasons we took this opportunity to talk with you gentlemen is to reiterate some things which I think you all probably know, but to make the points concerning what it is we can and cannot say at this time as these investigations are being completed.

First of all, with the pending investigation – the old statement that you don't know what you don't know. The investigators are out there gleaning facts each and every day, and you don't know what they have uncovered each and every day, so whatever you say could probably be wrong about the investigation or the status of the investigation, and you don't want to interfere with their processes.

But the other thing that really constrains us that I was asked to discuss is, you know, the topic of unlawful command influence. Most of you are aware of it. Most of you – especially General Scales and General Shepperd – have probably had SJAs tell you about this in the past. But it becomes critical now for us to make sure that we do not do anything or say anything that will prejudice our ability to bring whatever charges or whatever wrongdoing is uncovered in the investigations to the proper level or the proper forum for accountability.

We have to – and that puts us in the bad position, if you will, with the media of not being able to tell them all that they want to know or confirm items that they find from other sources that they wanted to talk about that perhaps in other settings local district attorneys would be more than happy to talk about -- but their system doesn't have the same features that ours does.

So I wanted to stress the topic of unlawful command influence and why there is frustration – there is frustration on our part as to what we can and cannot talk about.

So I will leave it at that and let's see if you gentlemen have questions and items that we could address for you.

Q: Yeah, this is Bob Scales real quick. I – this is a little short-fused but I am supposed to – I have written an essay, if you will, on the subject, which I am supposed to talk about and record this afternoon. I wonder if I might just send it to you just for a truth check, if that's okay.

(b)(6) Yes, sir. (b)(6) here. My email address – and all of you feel free to email me if you need to – is (b)(6) dot (b)(6). That's l, a, p as in papa, a, n as in November, at USMC dot mil.

Q: Well thank you very much. I appreciate it.

Q: Don Shepperd. Process question here. The AR15-6 and the naval criminal investigation are two separate investigations. What happens to the AR15-6 report if it goes to -- when the facts are found, who does it go to? And who decides whether or not to prefer charges? And is that – is that decision to prefer charges or not independent of the NCIS? In other words, if they decided not to, could NCIS also go ahead and prefer charges?

Sandkuhler: Kevin Sandkuhler here. NCIS does not prefer charges. A convening authority would have to prefer charges. The AR15-6 is an administrative investigation that is looking the two topics that you have heard about before – the training and the reporting (report?). Those are the two items they are looking at. That is an administrative investigation, and they will produce their findings and that is going to General Chiarelli in Iraq and Casey-- General Casey had him do that. And I think the flow will be Chiarelli to Casey to us – to the Marine component, and perhaps, back through Abizaid as well. Up and down the chain of command.

NCIS investigation was convened by General Zilmer, the Multi-National Force-West commander, but he is in the operational chain of command as well. We expect that investigation to flow up the same chain of command. We expect those cases, those findings, to come back to the Marine Corps, to the Marine Component at least, which is Marine Forces Central Command, for us to take action.

That's how the processing of those investigations should follow. There will be – there could be the preferal (sp) of charges by the Marine Corps based upon the 15-6, but if they find some other criminal conduct we could go back to NCIS and say investigate further on another avenue of inquiry.

Q: So Marine Corps Central Command will be the one to decide after it goes through the chain of command and the recommendations decide whether to prefer charges is what I hear you saying?

Sandkuhler: I think that's what the process worked out by the commanders has been. It's an operational chain of command issue and that's how I believe it's going to work out.

Q: What's the name that goes with that?

Sandkuhler: Sattler. You all know John (LtGen John Sattler), right?

Q: Yes. Absolutely.

Sandkuhler: I think John is the one on this situation who has been tagged, with the concurrence of General Abizaid and others, that that's how it's going to work.

Q: This is Jeff McCausland. I understand that – if I have got this – that the 15-6 with the training and (inaudible) reporting. Can you comment at all on – apparently there have been reports that the battalion commander was relieved. Can you comment on that? And can you also comment as far as the Navy criminal investigation just in terms of how many Marines are at least subject to the investigation, or does that go too far?

Sandkuhler: Well, on the commander of the battalion – 3<sup>rd</sup> battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Marines, was relieved by the commanding general of 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division. And it was done for the traditional stated reason of loss of confidence. I cannot tell you, and the commander does not have to explain to us, if there was something more – (were they involved?) the event that's the subject of all the media attention now, or whether there are other actions? You know, there could have been failures of inspections. There could have been a higher disciplinary rate than other commands. I don't know other than the commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division lost confidence in the ability of that lieutenant colonel to command that battalion. And I think that's what we have reported before.

Now the second question about –

Q: How many Marines, at least in raw numbers, are the subject of the Navy criminal investigation?

Sandkuhler: Now, I don't – I don't think I know an exact number so I hesitate to give you a number.

Q: Okay.

Sandkuhler: They are talking to a number of people. They have been interviewing any number of individuals, and some of those individuals they may interview you for one purpose, but then find out that perhaps there is some other reason they had to talk with them further, or they might have done something else wrong that may have nothing to do

with this. So I would be very hesitant to throw out a number, because I am pretty confident I would be wrong.

(b)(6) And just to jump on again, on the first part of the question, the battalion commander of 3-1 was relieved, as were two of the company commanders within that organization as well. And as the general said, the relief was done by the commanding general of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division because the unit was back at Camp Pendleton at that time and so 3-1 fell under the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division because they were back in the States, and they weren't forward when these reliefs took place.

Sandkuhler: And to reinforce that, the general did that, General Natonski and that's been reported before, he could have figured out stuff or seen stuff upon their return from Iraq that was enough for him to decide to relieve him, and I have -- you know, I would not tell you and I do not know his mental calculations he went through before he did that.

It could have been any number of events that led him to that conclusion, and I don't think it is centered on this investigation because this investigation -- or the investigations relating to (Haditha?) have not been completed yet.

Q: Ok.

Q: Gents, Jed Babbin. Two questions. Number one, can you tell us if K31 (sp) was brought back early because of the suspicion of these events and number two, can you also tell us going back to the command influence point, how strongly you guys have been counseling both the military and civilian leadership to basically clam up so we don't screw up the prosecution?

here. On the first part, no, 3-1 rotated back on their normal schedule; they were not brought back early. An aside to that, the other incident that has been recently discussed involves 3<sup>rd</sup> battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines. That unit still is in country, and members of that unit have been returned to the United States pending the investigation into those allegations.

So in the case of 3-1, the Haditha incident, they were not brought back to the States early. But 3<sup>rd</sup> battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marine, separate incident -- Hamandiyah -- that just happened more recently, some of those individuals have been returned to the States early pending the investigation.

Sandkuhler: On the unlawful command influence issue, what we have done is you have probably all seen the press release done by the commandant. That includes - you know, that was carefully crafted by us, if you read those words, and I know General (inaudible, sounds like Reid?) has read those words carefully, to take it above, and keep it above any claim where we are trying to influence the course of the investigation, or influence the discretion that subordinate commanders will have to exercise in the course of any investigation, any court martial that may or may not result, or any administrative action.

As you all know, there are a variety of people who will now have roles to play, from members of court martials, judges, lawyers who make decisions as to what the charges should or should not be, and the convening authorities.

We could have people who get charged for some not obvious offense by some other subordinate commander that we can't predict today. So we are trying to put out the word to the Marine Corps, through the commandant's words, and other things I do through the SJA channels, to make sure everybody keeps it at the right level so we retain our ability to use the military justice system for the purpose for which it was intended – to provide good order and discipline for the force, and to hold people accountable when necessary. So that's what we're working on, Jed.

Q: That's great. Hey, appreciate that. One quick follow up. Have the Iraqis squawked at all about bringing any of these guys back, early or late?

Sandkuhler: This is Kevin Sandkuhler. I have no idea. I haven't heard.

Q: On that, two quick follow-ups. One is, for those who have not – at least I haven't seen this press release by the commandant, (b)(6) could you possibly have that sent out to us? That'd be great.

(b)(6) Yeah, absolutely.

(b)(6) I can get it to you. And I will also – well, I will get it to (b)(6) and let her pass it to you. The other thing, too, is those of you who read (b)(6) story this morning probably saw reference to some other guidance we put out on this very subject, again, to make sure that anybody who – anybody out there who was being approached on the issue of Haditha knew where the out-of-bounds lines were and why. I can get you some of that guidance, as well.

Q: That'd be great. (inaudible) couple of TV spots. Second question is, what Jed just said. The Iraqis have announced that they are going to do their own investigation, and maybe it's too soon to comment on that. But will there be any coordination between what we're doing, NCIS in particular, with the Iraqis, or do you guys see that as being totally out of bounds?

(b)(6) Don't know at this point. We have not heard anything along those lines. Obviously we have seen the comments coming out of the Iraqi government, but it hasn't translated into any action at our point at this juncture.

Q: This is Bob Maginnis. Question on press release that came out earlier today, I think out of Iraq, out of the Corps. Is this being typified as a training stand down? Or, I saw the commandant's message a couple days ago. What exactly is he doing in country? What are the messages he's sending? Can you go over that again, just for clarification?



(b)(6) Sure. Two separate things, obviously. The commandant had a trip previously scheduled in which he was going to be visiting Iraq. It was not a trip that was put together for this purpose, but since he was going, he wanted to talk to his Marines.

The things that he talked to the Marines about were the importance of our core (Corps?) values – honor, courage and commitment, talking about doing the right thing. Also, making the point that the vast majority of Marines are doing the right thing – day in, day out, under very challenging circumstances both in combat and out of combat.

Wanted to get the message to them that even though there has been a lot of attention paid to this incident and these allegations that he believes that most Marines – that this is an aberration, that most Marines are doing the right thing. He wanted to reinforce that. But he also wanted to talk about the importance of doing the right thing, of having moral courage, of adhering to our core (Corps?) values again. Those are some of the things that he wanted to talk about. It was not intended to be a training in the way that this MNC-I announcement came out, done separately by General Chiarelli for whatever reasons.

I don't have any indications here that there would be any kind of training stand down. Obviously those guys across the battlefield are busy, and they can't afford to have everybody stop what they are doing but I think – and again I am talking a little bit out of school because it's an MNC-I issue, but I don't get the sense it's a stand down as much as making sure that commanders are reinforcing those training aspects on some type of schedule.

Q: As a follow up, perhaps (b)(6) or someone in OSD can clarify whether the Corps has put out something that is in fact – I am hearing through other people is being interpreted as a training stand down, and that's why I wanted some clarification.

A follow up question about this particular battalion, 3-1. Wasn't this their third tour, and were the people we are talking about that are being investigated, were they on their third tour with this battalion?

(b)(6) The battalion itself, it was their third time back, but remember, the people in the battalion change out all the time, so it's not as if the entirety of the battalion was there for the third time, you would have variations throughout the ranks. In fact, I am sure they had people that were on their first tour at this time.

The second part of the question was – oh, whether the individuals that were involved – don't know to that level of detail in terms of if it was this person's first time or third time. Again, as General Sandkuhler said, it's a pretty wide net. It'd be tough to decide who it was that is considered, you know, part of the investigation.

Q: Thank you.

Q: (b)(6) I got hit with a question on radio the other day about – it had been reported that \$2,500 payments were made by the Marine Corps to some of the families involved, and it was not the normal policy to pay reparations in the field.

I am not sure this is your area, but do you know anything about that?

Sandkuhler: Well I think, one thing is that we call it salatia payments and they're done a lot in Iraq. They are done in other parts of the world, as well. And what they are is – and they range from things like when we have automobile accidents, when we damage property through either operational damage or through other damage; you know, our big trucks run into buildings on a regular basis, or run into Iraqi cars, and we offer them compensation for the damage that they suffered. And in this case, there was some salatia payments done to the families – or paid to the families, and I would not classify it as being unusual.

(b)(6) The other important aspect is that salatia payments are not an admission of guilt, either. Again, they are a way to recompense individuals, families, whatever, for damages of one type or another. Again I know – in fact, to take it to the lowest level, when I was in Haiti two and a half years ago, we were paying people for breaking locks off their doors when we doing searches. I mean, it goes from the very small level to the very large level.

Q: This is Jeff McCausland again. Can you guys comment at all about this one young Marine, I think he is still on active duty out in California, apparently he has released a bunch of photographs. His mother has been on TV. He claims he was part of the quote unquote clean-up crew, but also has gone on to make allegations about the fact that – or his mother has at least – that the Marine Corps has not addressed this kid's PTSD and all the problems associated with this Haditha thing. Have you got any comment on that as well?

(b)(6) The Marine in question did do an interview with the Los Angeles Times. He has since stopped doing interviews, from what I understand, of his own volition – nobody told him – again, as far as I understand nobody told him not to. But his mother is carrying the case. She has done a number of interviews. Again, her focus has been more on the PTSD issue and she has talked somewhat about what her son told her he saw and experienced.

Sandkuhler: He's also been accused of a variety of crimes in the local community there, which is reported in that article from the LA Times. I don't think we've seen anything official or unofficial about his claims of PTSD and whether he's being treated and stuff in (and?) that. We have not explored that yet.

Q: Bob Maginnis again. The LA Times today, a town awoke to slaughter. Very detailed. Were these two reporters on the ground, or are they basing what they are saying in here on second and tertiary sources?

**(b)(6)** Well the – and I am just going off memory from reading the story this morning because I think that it mentioned that they wouldn't reveal the name of the reporter for security reasons, one who may have gone into Haditha to conduct the interviews, but also believe that they conducted interviews with individuals, so various levels of sourcing in terms of people who may have seen what happened, may have been involved, or may have heard from others - so it could have been second- or third-hand information. I didn't get the indication that the reporters were there when any of this happened, but then went back afterwards to talk to the townspeople. Does that – does that help at all?

Q: Yeah, it is littered with quotes that are very incendiary, so I am just curious as to the sourcing, so if that's what you have, that's what you have.

Q: Jed Babbin again, guys. In terms of the Congress, we're hearing that Senator Warner might want to have hearings or something, I mean, what requirements or what requests are these helpful folks levying on you these days?

Sandkuhler: Kevin Sandkuhler. We have – I am not aware of having received any official request for information or documents or people to testify, et cetera, yet. They have all said that, you know, we are going to have hearings on this some time. We have not gotten, as you characterize it, the helpful requests so that they can help clarify the issues for us.

It does raise Jed, as you know, a significant number of legal issues. Are they going to subpoena witnesses? Are these witnesses going to be people that will have to get some level of immunization to testify at the Congress? How does it impact cases in the future if there are cases? Evidence, other information. It does not make life simpler.

Q: It's precisely the kind of help you really don't need.

Sandkuhler: From the legal standpoint, I would love for everybody to keep their mouths shut so we can get the investigations done so people will keep talking to us, so we can get all the evidence gathered without having any taints and people running and hiding with information when they find out, you know, their name is going to be plastered all over the media, and get that all concluded so we could proceed in an orderly fashion without the helpful people from other sources.

So the Congress – that will be problematic, as you can imagine. And just go back to the prior history – you know, the last, I don't – go back 30 years, 25 years, 20 years – think of all the problems when they wanted to have Ollie North before the criminal investigation was done, and how that impacted the ability to prosecute and defend, et cetera.

Q: Thanks.

**(b)(6)** One other note on the congressional piece, too. As I am sure you are aware, the commandant did go over to the Hill, again not on specific request, but in order to keep

the leadership apprised of what was going on in these cases and his legislative director followed him and did some briefing as well.

Q: The nature of the enemy that was being fought on November the 19<sup>th</sup> in Haditha, were they characterized in the immediate after action as just Sunni insurgents, or were there evidence of foreign jihadists that were embedded and perhaps were even using children, women as shields?

(b)(6) Don't know the answer to that one. That may be something that comes out in the course of the investigation, but I do not know. I was there at the time in terms of – in Iraq – we felt, in our intelligence, you know, verified that the foreign fighter influence – influence, I should – the numbers of foreign fighters in western Iraq was pretty small. Obviously they had a big influence. But most of the guys we were fighting in western Iraq were local Sunni insurgents.

Q: Okay.

(b)(6) All right gentlemen, any other questions?

Q: Yeah, I just sent that email to you (b)(6) Could you just read that over and make sure it's okay?

(b)(6) Will do, sir.

Q: (b)(6) are you going to follow up with the Corps to find out if they sent out something on a training stand down, because I am confused by what is on the web page.

(b)(6) Yeah, no, we'll get that to you.

Sandkuhler(?) : I don't think they have used the term stand down. I am looking at the press release, and they just talked about a training, commander direct training.

Q: They even said one report I got (inaudible – that it?) would be conducted over the next 30 days.

Voice (?): Right, that's what it says in here.

Q: (b)(6) anything you can get on that, I've got to go on two TV programs here, that would be great, as well as that press release by the commandant of the Marine Corps.

(b)(6) Sure.

(b)(6) And, (b)(6) again. Just one last point I'd like to make, and I think General Sandkuhler will probably jump on. As you can imagine, we have received a lot of requests from media to get the commandant out there to talk, to do interviews, to have media tag along as he goes and talks to Marines. Obviously, lots of concerns with that on

a number of levels, not the least of which is, again, perceptions of unlawful command influence. So we are getting a lot of pressure, but the commandant's talks to his Marines are intended to be that, for him to talk to his Marines.

Again, we do not want to put the commandant in a position based on, you know, the media's desire to get him to talk that's going to pollute the system. So, while he is obviously concerned, he has serious concerns with these allegations, he is not in a position to address them while there are ongoing investigations. Sir?

Sandkuhler: I would just reinforce, you know, the statement that he has made on Marine virtue is the kind of statement that you would expect the senior Marine, our leader, to talk about with Marines when there's investigations pending, to talk about how we expect each of us to behave, and at what level to behave, and how we can comport ourselves to comply with our honor, courage and commitment. And that's the kind of things he needs to go out and reinforce.

Talking to specifics to all of the Marines in the Marine Corps doesn't do any good. That's not what he needs to reinforce. He needs to reinforce the basic virtue. So that's what he is going when he goes out; he is talking to his Marines about how we expect Marines to behave, whether it is on liberty, on duty, on the battlefield or off the battlefield.

Q: Could you say again the exact title of AR15-6 investigation, what do you call it in the Marine Corps?

Sandkuhler: Well, in the Marine Corps terms we'd call it like a JAG manual investigation. And that the 15-6 again is – the Army guys can tell you this – is AR15-6 that refers to the regulation that guides it. It's an administrative investigation that commanders can use for a variety of reasons – to find out why their supply system is losing gear, to find out why people are getting in trouble in town – they can use it for any number of reasons. In this case it's to look at why the reporting was not accurate, and also was the level of training of the Marines involved prior to the event sufficient? And those are characterized as administrative investigations. And then if they find the criminal investigation – criminal matters that they think exists, then they can turn it over to NCIS, or the commander can take some administrative and disciplinary action based up on that investigation.

Q: This is Jeff McCausland again. Sadly, I don't think this is going to go away any time soon -- I sure hope to God it does -- but it might be useful (b)(6) and General Sandkuhler, if you can have (b)(6) send us some contact info in addition to (b)(6) email address and you all's offices in case we need to make a quick check on the legal side or on the public affairs side as this thing goes on for however long it goes on.

(b)(6) Yeah, I am happy to do that. All right gentlemen, thanks again for joining us, and I will send – and I will be sending out stuff this afternoon. Keep us posted for media that you do on this.

Q: Yeah, I'll be on O'Reilly tonight (b)(6)

Q: CNN in the morning, (b)(6)

(b)(6) Okay, great.

Q: Thanks very much guys.

(b)(6) Let us know if we can do anything else for you.

Q: Bye.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2006 6:48 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** haditha

fyi. here are some media hits re. haditha. also, jed babbin will be on o'reilly tonight, the second half of the hour. general shepperd, general scales, and bob maginnis were also on the call this afternoon.  
thanks

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**From:** McCausland, Jeffrey [mailto:mccausj@(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2006 2:48 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: conference call

(b)(6)-- thanks for all the great work. Here is what I have done on the story and will be doing in the near term:

CBS radio in a couple of minutes for their national roundup.

Up to the Minute tonite (I think)

American Morning tomorrow at 0830

Already done about 10 two-ways with CBS affiliates around the country.

Send the material as quick as you can...they are coming over the wire...

jeff

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2006 2:25 PM  
**To:** **(b)(6)**  
**Cc:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Hugh Hewitt Show

**(b)(6)** I'm guest-hosting for Hugh Hewitt on his national radio show tomorrow (6-9 pm, EDT, Salem Radio Network, [www.hughhewitt.com](http://www.hughhewitt.com)). I know the commandant is in Iraq, but is he or his deputy available to talk about this for 10 minutes on the air? Or one of the former commandants? The message I want to send is in my RealClearPolitics column today: this is an aberration. Please let me know. Best, Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

**(b)(2)** (Home office)  
(Mobile)



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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2006 9:15 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** RE: Additional info from CNBC for their interview request

**Importance:** High

I just faxed the Haditha Story by Jed Babbin and the email. Let me know when you receive it.

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2006 9:06 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Re: Additional info from CNBC for their interview request

Ok. Can you please print out the entire email and fax? Thanks.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**CC:** (b)(6) SFC, OASD-PA  
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**Subject:** Re: Additional info from CNBC for their interview request

I am unable to open the attachments/images. (b)(6) and yo please print these out and fax to the plane in a few hours? Thanks

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Thu Jun 01 07:13:59 2006  
**Subject:** Fw: Additional info from CNBC for their interview request

I know where you stand on wsj but here is gouge on autralia journalist. Need a decision so I can work a read ahead. Thx and have a great trip!

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**Subject:** RE: Additional info from CNBC for their interview request

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Thanks. It turns out that the only Aussie print journalist we know is attending the Dialogue is a terrific candidate for the roundtable. Patrick Walters, National Security Editor for The Australian, is attending as a delegate. We've checked into his writing, and it's straight-forward. I've attached a sample article, and copied it below, should you be reading this on Blackberry. I've confirmed with my Australian counterpart that there are no Australians credentialed as print journalists.

A roundtable with Barry Wain of the AWSJ, Felix Soh of the Straits Times, Patrick Walters

of the Australian, and a pool writer from your traveling group would make for a great conversation.

Cheers, Valerie

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HEADLINE: RISING COST OF TERRORISM - SPECIAL REPORT: Defence  
BYLINE: Patrick Walters

BODY:

Spending level, a critical concern for analysts, is barely mentioned in Australia's strategic defence update, writes Patrick Walters

THE global terrorist challenge, the looming threat of weapons of mass destruction, and the problem of failing states in Australia's neighbourhood form the focus of Defence's new strategic update due to be launched next week by Defence Minister Robert Hill.

The update will confirm global terrorism as Australia's top security priority for the foreseeable future as the Government prepares to commit more troops to Afghanistan, and possibly Iraq, next year and give the Army more combat weight.

It also stipulates that Defence's role in the war on terror should form part of a more co-ordinated whole-of-government approach which recognises the limited utility of military force in defeating Islamist terrorism.

Senator Hill and Prime Minister John Howard are also expected to announce details of a billion-dollar plan to upgrade the Army -- the biggest transformation in the land force since World War II.

The need to give the Army more combat punch and create more flexible fighting formations which can be adapted for contingencies ranging from peacekeeping to war-fighting will be the main capability upgrade detailed in the update document -- the first Government defence review since 2003.

The update contains no radical departures in Australia's defence doctrine as laid down in the 2000 defence white paper.

It confirms the defence of Australia and its immediate security interests in the South Pacific and South-East Asia as the principal determinants of the defence force structure.

It also recognises that Defence's emerging capabilities such as a larger, more mobile and better protected Army, and the Navy's planned amphibious ships and air warfare destroyers should also be able to contribute to coalition operations further away from the borders of Australia.

As well as giving an overview of the global terrorist threat and Australia's security interests in Iraq and Afghanistan, the update will detail the Government's concerns about weapons of mass destruction proliferation and emerging security issues thrown up by failing small neighbouring states.

The update reviews regional security developments, including the steady evolution of both China and Japan's military capabilities and US power projection in the Pacific as the US reviews its forward military bases in the region.

"We don't see anything in the changes occurring in the region that causes us to make changes in the defence force structure," Senator Hill told The Australian.

He said terrorism continued to pose "the real and immediate threat" and would do so for some time to come. "There's obviously a threat from within our region and certainly terrorism continues to be a major problem within the Middle East."

The defence review comes at a time when rapidly rising capital equipment costs and personnel pressures continue to threaten the longer-term capability of Australia's 52,000-strong defence force.

In the absence of government approval for continued real increases in the defence budget beyond 2010, the update sidesteps the most critical issue -- the level of future spending.

There is also speculation about the future of Senator Hill, who several months ago was tipped to become Australian ambassador to the United Nations in New York.

Late last month Senator Hill steered the defence update and the Army "hardening and networking" submissions through Cabinet's national security committee after a last minute reprieve from John Howard.

Senator Hill, defence minister since 2001, continues to deny he is moving on.

"There is no change in my position. I look forward to continuing in my position as long as the prime minister wants me to do it," he told The Australian this week.

But some political observers see his long-awaited win on the Army's hardening and networking submission and the latest strategic update as his political swansong.

Senator Hill expects to win Cabinet backing for his submission on revised funding for the updated 2006-16 defence capability plan.

The submission, held over until the New Year, recommended that real increases in the defence budget be maintained at 3 per cent beyond 2010 with even higher real increases for some high-tech capital projects where annual real price increases easily outstrip inflation.

As Defence Materiel Organisation chief Stephen Gumley has pointed out, the real cost of high-tech defence equipment is increasing at an average of close to 4 per cent -- well beyond the current 3 per cent real growth accorded the defence budget since the 2000 white paper. Zero growth for the defence budget beyond 2010 would have drastic consequences for the defence force. Key parts of the \$50 billion capital program such as the F-35 joint strike fighter (JSF) could face cuts, as well as the overall size of the defence force.

The \$12 billion JSF program is likely to come under particular pressure in the wake of the Pentagon's quadrennial defence review. The unit cost of new generation fighter could rise as the Pentagon reviews the planned production and the US air force revises its options for procurement of the F-35 and the more expensive F-22 Raptor.

Any cut in JSF production would result in a sharp increase in the unit cost of the new fighters. There is now considerable speculation in RAAF circles that the F-35 won't arrive in Australia until 2015 at the earliest. This would mean the Air Force would have to look at extending the life of the F-111 fleet, due to be retired by 2010, or look at an interim lease of combat planes to fill the gap before the first F-35 squadron is deployed.

Spiralling personnel costs are also eating into the defence budget and now account for around 40 per cent of total funding. Personnel costs have been rising by an average of six per cent per annum.

At the same time the defence force, particularly the Army, is still struggling to meet recruitment targets in a labour market desperately short of skilled workers.

In an important intervention in the defence debate, Treasury Secretary Ken Henry recently warned that the prospect of slower real GDP growth could render unsustainable the current 3 per cent real growth in the defence budget.

"Barring a further significant deterioration in the strategic environment -- a heroic assumption -- I would venture that, with slower GDP growth and increasing funding pressures elsewhere in the budget, Defence will find it difficult to maintain its call on the nation's people and financial resources, let alone increase its share," Henry concluded.

Cabinet's national security committee approved the Army's "hardening and networking" submission which will involve new investment of at least \$1.5 billion over the next decade. The plan will see the Army progressively re-equipped with armoured vehicles, artillery, helicopters and advanced networked communications moving away from its traditional light infantry formations. The aim is more lethal, adaptable, nimble and better protected fighting formations.

Senator Hill told The Australian the current threat environment, particularly the global terrorist challenge, dictated a sharper focus on the Army. "Everything we have done in recent years right through to peacekeeping and humanitarian missions has been a major demand on Army. We, therefore see a need to continue to build its capability to meet those security challenges.

"While we have done quite a lot we do think there's more to be done in growing the size of the Army, reforming the reserves so that reservists in specialist areas are seen as more of an integral part of the primary forces rather than the reserve force and further improvements in protection. Even in low-intensity conflict the other side has very threatening weapons."

The plan will see the creation of two composite brigade-sized units, each of 3000 soldiers. From these larger formations nine new battle groups -- around 750 strong and based on current battalions and regiments -- will be created for operational deployments.

This would enable a brigade-strength force to be maintained on operations overseas simultaneously with a smaller battalion or battle group -- a goal set in the 2000 White Paper and not yet achieved.

The Army is set to grow to around 28,000 -- up 2500 from its current strength -- a formidable recruitment challenge in the current environment.

South Australia will be a major beneficiary with 3RAR moving to Adelaide from Holsworthy, NSW. The Army Reserve will also be restructured with the merger or abolition of some commands and a more active role for specialist reservists.

The New Year will see key decisions made on the composition and size of an Army provincial reconstruction team in Afghanistan, and debate about a fresh Army mission in Iraq beyond the 450-strong Muthanna deployment due to finish in May-June 2006.

"It's a recognition that support for Afghanistan requires, regrettably, a combat element -- but also a need to build their economic and social infrastructure," Senator Hill says.

Defence officials are still ironing out the command structure of any deployment which is likely to be in conjunction with Dutch forces under the NATO umbrella.

On Iraq, Senator Hill says three factors will determine the future involvement of Australian ground forces. They are the future of the Japanese engineering team in Al Muthanna, the future role for the British forces in southern Iraq, and the position of the new Iraqi government after this month's elections.

With the Japanese almost certain to end their deployment in mid-2006, the pressure from Washington will be for Canberra to agree to another land force commitment.

"There is an issue about the whole support structure of the international force in southern Iraq," says Senator Hill.

One option for Australia is to provide a provincial reconstruction team for Iraq -- a deployment the US now increasingly favours with regard to Iraq as much as Afghanistan.

"There are some signs that the Brits are now seeing more merit in that type of approach as well. You could say that southern Iraq is arguably better suited to that approach," Senator Hill says. "If all that comes to pass it seems to me it would not be surprising if Australia is asked to make a contribution in that regard. If the Japanese mission has come to a end (by mid-2006) then it's a decision for next year but logically the request would be considered by us."

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA (b)(6)  
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To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
Cc: (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: Additional info from CNBC for their interview request

Thank you (b)(6). I think Asia WSJ, Straits Times, and the Australian (if they come) is sufficient. We might have a pool writer from our press corps attend.

Thank you again and stay in touch!  
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From: (b)(6) (b)(6)  
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Subject: RE: Additional info from CNBC for their interview request

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Happy Wednesday. It was great to meet (b)(6) and (b)(6) today -- how they were still standing late afternoon with jet lag is beyond my comprehension. The IISS folks just got us the list of accredited journalists today, hurrah. A few surprises, including a smaller number of print journalists than I'd anticipated.

Does the VIP have a particular message to convey in the print roundtable? If so, that would affect my recommendations. In broad strokes:

I would definitely include the Asia Wall St Journal (Barry Wain will be attending as a delegate, and covering for the paper as well) and the (Singapore) Straits Times (Deputy Editor Felix Soh would be my rec, if he's in town -- he's participated in a previous roundtable with the same VIP). Both have tremendous, and complementary, regional reach.

We're still working on identifying an Australian print journalist -- lots of Aussie television folks are attending, few pencils. The same with the Korean journalists -- heavy on the cameras. From Malaysia, you may wish to include the Bernama Bureau Chief from KL, Jackson Sawatan. The Bernama wire stories would also be picked up in Indonesia. It may make sense to have a Japanese paper, unless you think your traveling Asahi Shimbun journalist will suffice. Perhaps Kyodo News Bureau Chief (from Tokyo) Hideaki Kanazawa.

For the wild card: if you're interested in getting a message to the Chinese, perhaps the Xinhua News Agency's Chief Correspondent from Beijing, Yongxing Zhang? Of course, the full transcript of the roundtable would make it back to Beijing quickly, rather than respecting off-the-record portions.

Best Regards, (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA (b)(6)  
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Subject: RE: Additional info from CNBC for their interview request

Hello (b)(6)

Happy Tuesday! I am eager to make suggestions on a print roundtable so please get in touch when you can.

Thank you and kind regards-

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From: (b)(6) (b)(6)  
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Subject: RE: Additional info from CNBC for their interview request

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I'd like to have a sense of which press are credentialed for the dialogue before I give you a dream list of papers/people. I've asked the hosts for the list of press RSVPs, but don't have it yet. Just didn't want you to go into the weekend wondering whether I'd received your email below.

Hope you have a good holiday weekend with your family.

Cheers, (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA (b)(6)  
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2006 8:48 PM  
To: (b)(6)  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
Subject: RE: Additional info from CNBC for their interview request

(b)(6)

Thanks so much for your reply.

We had a meeting with Dorrance late yesterday and have settled on doing a regional "print roundtable" on Sunday as scheduled, but it may expand a bit in length. The issue is who we invite and I was hoping I could gather a bit more of your sage advice on whom we should include.

At a minimum, I believe we will invite BOTH the Straits Times and the Asian WSJ, but if we could squeeze in an editor or two from maybe two other print outlets what would you recommend. I was thinking the Australian for one, but not sure if that makes sense to you. In any event, if you could reply with a dream list of what paper(s) and people we should consider inviting that would be great. We've done several of these with him in the past and they work very well, (some off the record, some background, some on the record) so it presents an outstanding opportunity for those invited to not only hear the message we bring, but to get inside the boss' head a bit and see how and why we arrived at that message. The only caution I would have is that we don't want to make it too big. I would think that 4 papers and a max of 8 people would be about right.

Also, is there a list of press RSVPs from IISS that you could provide to me? It would be helpful for Dorrance's situational awareness.

We are planning on doing an on-camera informal avail the night he arrives right just before he goes to the reception. The first thought was that this would be in either the pink or red lotus room. This will likely be with our traveling press only, but if there is someone on the ground there that you know of who you think should be included, I would like to hear your thoughts on that as well.

As for everything else on the schedule, as soon as we know who our Bilats are with, we can work with our counterparts' press person to see #1 if they want to do a stakeout afterward, and #2 how that takes shape.

As for our getting together on the 31st, I doubt we'll have the luxury of down time after the long flight, so whenever you can get together that day at the hotel, we will be at your disposal. We'll also make plans to attend any and all countdown meetings we are welcome to attend as they pop-up.

Still no word on when we are going to announce his travel / participation in the conference, but I should have something before Friday COB for you.

Really looking forward to working with you to iron all this stuff out. If you have any questions of me or Brandon, please let them fly as once we close up shop on Friday, we'll likely be pretty hard to get in touch with through the holiday weekend before we depart on Monday night. That said, if you need to reach me at any time that I am not at 36,000 feet, feel free to call or email 24/7.

Hope you have a nice Memorial Day weekend... the calm before the storm!

Cheers,

(b)(6)

(b)(2)

- work cell

- home (baby goes to sleep at ~ 9:00 pm ET : )

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From: (b)(6) (b)(6)  
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2006 12:58 AM  
To: (b)(6), CIV, OASD-PA  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
Subject: RE: Additional info from CNBC for their interview request

(b)(6)

You'll see by separate email that I responded directly to (b)(6), conveying the need to respectfully decline (nuanced with 'if the visitor does attend'). No reason for you to have to get involved from your distance!

In terms of your question about the Asian WSJ and The Straits Times, I hope the visitor is able to sit down with both the Asian WSJ and The Straits Times. Both papers have regional

reach, are read by policy and decision makers, and are 'responsible' media organizations. If time pressures force you to pick one, my recommendation would be contingent on the message the visitor is conveying and the audience he wishes to reach. For a strategic-level interview ("what's the latest DOD thinking on engagement in Asia"), I'd lean toward the Asian WSJ to hit an audience that may otherwise not read as much on the Dialogue -- The Straits Times will be full of factual reporting on the Dialogue, including on the visitor's speech. For more of the tactical ("what's DOD doing in Asia"), I'd lean toward The Straits Times. Is that more of a response than you were looking for?

I look forward to hearing that the visit is announced!

cheers, [REDACTED]

p.s. No additional media requests, yet.

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From: (b)(6), CIV, OASD-PA (b)(6)  
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2006 2:45 AM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
Subject: RE: Additional info from CNBC for their interview request

[REDACTED]

Thanks for this. Unfortunately, it looks like we're not going to be able get this done this time around. We will have to respectfully decline. I would be happy to call [REDACTED] myself if you would prefer. Just let me know how you want to handle it.

As for the "Print Roundtable" event that you may have seen on the schedule, it is currently a placeholder until Dorrance weighs in. Should know more tomorrow, but we MAY end up sitting down with an editor or two each from the Asian WSJ and The Straits Times. I will let you know as soon as I hear whether or not that is something we are going to pursue. Thoughts?

We have a meeting with (b)(6) this afternoon and I will try to get you an answer on when we are planning on announcing his visit so that you get that before people start calling you.

As for other requests you may (or may not) get, please continue to forward them to me.

Thanks,

(b)(6)



From: (b)(6)  
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2006 10:11 PM  
To: (b)(6), CIV, OASD-PA  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6)  
(b)(6) (b)(6)  
Subject: Additional info from CNBC for their interview request

(b)(6)

As promised, immediately below is the information on CNBC's request. We have not yet received any additional requests (other than the Straits Times and CNBC).

V/R, (b)(6)

From CNBC:

We would like to be able to sit down interview with Mr. Rumsfeld at the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore lasting approx. 30 min. Prior to the interview we will need at least 15 minutes to set up the camera's for the interview. The interviewer will be Sri Jegarajah, Reporter.

Topics:

- Concerns over China's growing influence and military power
- Mr. Rumsfeld's views on disputes between China/Japan, Japan/South Korea over territory
- China Taiwan Relations
- How does Mr. Rumsfeld view the fight against terrorism in SEA
- Efforts by SEA to control piracy in Malacca Straits
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- Curbing the insurgency in Iraq

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The interview with Mr. Rumsfeld will be shown on the following shows:

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Kind Regards,

(b)(6)

Assistant Producer

CNBC Asia Pacific

DID: (b)(2)

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA (b)(6)  
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2006 10:31 PM  
To: (b)(6)  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
Subject: RE: Thanks for your phone call

(b)(6)

Thanks for the info on the requests, especially the Straits Times letter. Very helpful.

As for CNBC, I am assuming that that is CNBC Asia Pacific. Could you please reach back out to (b)(6) and ask for a similar letter that includes who the "talent" would be, likely subject matter, viewership in the region, etc.

Also, if any other requests you get could include that information, it would go a long way to assisting in their consideration.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) (b)(6)  
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2006 5:38 AM  
To: (b)(6), CIV, OASD-PA  
Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) USMC, OASD-PA; (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: Thanks for your phone call

(b)(6)

I heard a lot of "Semper Gumby" last year at National War College, and I think it's the ideal approach to VIP visits.

On the important issue of credentials for you and (b)(6) the DATT office OPS Asst (b)(6) (b)(6) (copied on this message) is in charge of our credentialing for this event. I expect that you may have heard from him already, following up on your request below.

In terms of the interview requests, CNBC Assistant Producer (b)(6) has asked for a 15-30 minute interview with the Secretary. She has not given us specific questions, but has noted that topics would likely include U.S.-ASEAN relations, U.S. military commitments, and U.S. security concerns. The Straits Times has given us much more information related to their interview request; please see the attachment. As I noted yesterday, we have not confirmed with any media that the Secretary will be attending, we've just told them that we will pass along their requests to the proper folks in DOD, for consideration should the Secretary attend the Dialogue. These requests would reach different, and complementary audiences -- electronic and print, regional and local (but with a regional reach) -- and the Embassy has had great success with both media organizations in terms of interviewing U.S. Cabinet officials.

Well, I'll close here and get more information to you tomorrow.

V/R, (b)(6)

p.s. My cell phone is (b)(2) and my home phone is (b)(2)

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From: (b)(6), CIV, OASD-PA (b)(6)  
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 10:25 PM  
To: (b)(6)  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) Capt. USMC, OASD-PA  
Subject: RE: Thanks for your phone call

(b)(6)

Thanks for getting back to me. It is always a challenge working with folks who are 12 hours ahead, but good that we have a bit of a head start.

Things are just starting to heat up back here and when they heat up, things start to change rapidly. Our motto here is "Semper Gumby" (always flexible). Fortunately for us and your country team though, with the IISS conference, things can only change so much! : )

(b)(6) AND I are both coming your way (arriving from Frankfurt @ 6:30 am 31May). While we will both work with you and your team to manage the entire visit together, (b)(6) will be focusing mainly on the ship visit. That leaves you stuck with me for the IISS piece. Fortunately (or unfortunately as (b)(6) may tell you... ; ) I have been through this dance twice before. Either way, I am really looking forward to meeting you and working with your team again to make sure that the boss' visit is as smooth and painless as possible.

Thanks for letting me know about the interview requests. I am the right person to send them to so keep them coming as I imagine the two you have won't be the last. More importantly, thank you for not commenting on his travel plans. While I'm sure everyone anticipates his attendance, we will likely not publicly announce his plans until much later. I will let you know ahead of time when we are planning to do that so you won't be caught flat-footed.

In the meantime, if you could let me know who from CNBC and the Straits Times are asking that would be helpful. As in previous years, we may very well try to shoe-horn an interview in some format into the schedule (be it a regional print roundtable or a TV interview). Your recommendations on what would make them most sense would be greatly appreciated.

We will be bringing a group of press on the plane (probably around 12 or so, give or take). We don't have exact #s or names yet, but I have cc'ed: Captain David Romley, USMC on this message. He serves as ASD(PA) Dorrance Smith's Military Assistant and will be traveling with the party. (b)(6) will be your point of contact for press names, affiliations, credentialing and the like. I'll work out filing specifications inside the hotel, vehicle needs and press movements (to the ship and museum) with you or your designate.

That brings up another interesting point: Credentials for (b)(6) and myself as we will be arriving early and (I imagine) will not be grouped in with the larger delegation. Let me know what you need from us in terms of personal information, digital photos, etc. and we will get it to you immediately. Credentials for (b)(6) and I should be the highest access as is possible as we will need access to the boss for all his movements and in all rooms and areas he will be in. No big deal, just whatever lets us get the job done.

While I tend to be very longwinded in emails, I don't type all that fast, so I would really like to get a chance to talk to you on the phone sometime soon. In the event that I am not in the office, I've listed my cell # below. Feel free to call anytime that is convenient for you (within reason). If you could reply with your cell too, that would be great.

Speaking of ASD Smith, we are scheduled to meet with him to discuss the schedule today. He may want to call you directly at some point after things solidify a bit. We'll try to schedule a time that will not have you up too early or late.

Again, (b)(6) and I look forward to meeting you and working with you and your team.

Very Respectfully,

(b)(6)

OSD Advance

(b)(2) - direct

- cell

(b)(6) - UNCLAS

(b)(6) - SIPR

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From: (b)(6) (b)(6)  
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 6:38 AM  
To: (b)(6), CIV, OASD-PA  
Cc: (b)(6)  
Subject: Thanks for your phone call

(b)(6)  
I received your phone call when I arrived at the office this morning. I also heard from my DATT colleagues this morning that Brandon Hueber will be the SECDEF's PA advance for the Shangri-La Dialogue. Combined with your phone call, planning seems to be heating up back in Washington. Great.

We have received two requests for interviews with Sec Rumsfeld already from media anticipating the Secretary's participation. (We have not commented one way or the other whether the Secretary will attend, as I understand the trip has not yet been announced in Washington?) Are you the best person to receive those requests, in terms of a heads-up (not asking for an answer at this point, just trying to keep OSD updated)? The requests are from CNBC and from the Straits Times, the leading newspaper in Singapore.

I look forward to working with you on this event.

V/R, (b)(6)

(b)(6)  
Public Affairs Officer  
U.S. Embassy, Singapore

(b)(2)

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

**From:** JedBabbin@**(b)(6)**  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2006 7:45 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** FYI

Eric: My piece today on Haditha.

[RealClearPolitics - Articles - The Haditha Story](#)

**Jed Babbin**

**(b)(2)** (home office)  
(home fax)  
(mobile)

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2006 6:46 AM  
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
Subject: Re: Report!

I left him a msg on his cell and at his office. I gave him (b)(2) as your line?? If you want to try him, his cell is: (b)(2)

Thx,  
(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----  
From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
To: (b)(6) OASD-PA  
Sent: Wed May 31 06:38:57 2006  
Subject: Re: Report!

Tell jeff to call me in my office now.

-----Original Message-----  
From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
Sent: Wed May 31 06:29:20 2006  
Subject: Fw: Report!

Morning. Do we have anything we can say???

Thx,

(b)(6)

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From: McCausland, Jeffrey  
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
Sent: Tue May 30 21:27:50 2006  
Subject: RE: Report!

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jeff

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From: McCausland, Jeffrey [mailto:mccauslj@ (b)(6)]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2006 3:35 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
Subject: Report!  
Importance: High

(b)(6)

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Subject: Report!  
Importance: High

(b)(6) -- report is still not on the website. Going on the air soon. Can you send me a copy.

jeff

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From: (b)(6) OASD-PA (b)(6)  
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2006 10:38 AM  
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Thanks

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Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2006 6:30 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
Subject: Conference Call TODAY

MEMORANDUM



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To: Retired Military Analysts

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

Date: May 30, 2006

Re: Conference Call with Senior DoD Officials

We invite you to participate in a conference call, TODAY, May 30, 2006, from 3:00-3:30.

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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) 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)

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY  
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2006 2:17 PM  
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
Subject: RE: Associated press

Eric,  
With some time changes on the 9010 press events today, Mr. Rodman will already be down in PA until 1530. He has a few minutes between 1530-1600 to speak to (b)(6). Perhaps you could snag him after the Military Analyst teleconference?

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2006 10:29 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY; Rodman, Peter, HON, OSD-POLICY  
Cc: (b)(6) COL (USAF), OSD-POLICY  
Subject: RE: Associated press

i'll check with (b)(6) probably a non-problem to do tomorrow. thanks.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY  
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2006 10:06 AM  
To: Rodman, Peter, HON, OSD-POLICY; Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
Cc: (b)(6) COL (USAF), OSD-POLICY  
Subject: Re: Associated press

Eric,  
Would it be possible to do this tomorrow? Mr Rodman is consumed today with the Iraq 9010 report rollout.

(b)(6)

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: Rodman, Peter, HON, OSD-POLICY  
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; Rodman, Peter, HON, OSD-POLICY  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY  
Sent: Tue May 30 08:16:42 2006  
Subject: RE: Associated press

OK. Check with (b)(6) for a time.

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD [mailto:Eric.Ruff@(b)(6)]  
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2006 7:21 PM  
To: Rodman, Peter, HON, OSD-POLICY  
Subject: Associated press

Peter, if you have 15 minutes on tuesday, can you please talk off the record and give some guidance to (b)(6) the ap reporter who will be traveling w/us on the trip. She's really looking for things she needs to bone up on and doesn't have a feel for the relevance of the first portion of the trip. I'll be glad to sit in, as well. Doable?  
Thanks, eric

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2006 1:45 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Cc:** (b)(6), Capt. USMC, OASD-PA; (b)(6) SFC, OASD-PA; (b)(6)  
CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Jed Babbin called at 1344. Subj: Hewett Show on Friday. (b)(2)

(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2006 12:05 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Cc:** Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Conference Call TODAY

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**Confirmed Retired Military Analysts:**

Colonel Ken Allard	(USA, Retired)
Mr. Jed Babbin	(USAF, JAG)
Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu	(USA, Retired)
Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Maginnis	(USA, Retired)
Colonel Jeff McCausland	(USA, Retired)
Major General Donald W. Shepperd	(USAF, Retired)
Captain Martin L. Strong	(USN, Retired)

**Declining:**

Brigadier General David L. Grange	(USA, Retired)
Colonel Jack Jacobs	(USA, Retired)
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Lieutenant General Thomas McInerney	(USAF, Retired)
Major F. Andy Messing Jr.	(USAR, Retired)
General William L. Nash	(USA, Retired)
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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2006 10:38 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) /, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Conference Call TODAY

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Gentlemen,

The time for today's conference call has been moved up to 2:45 pm. If you have already RSVP'd for this call, you do not need to do so again unless you can no longer join us. If you have not RSVP'd please do so at your earliest convenience. Thanks

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
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**Subject:** Conference Call TODAY

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Retired Military Analysts

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

Date: May 30, 2006

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

We invite you to participate in a conference call, **TODAY, May 30, 2006, from 3:00-3:30.**

The Honorable Peter Rodman, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs will brief you on the release of the release of the Iraqi Security and Stability Progress Report. His Biography can be viewed at: [http://www.defenselink.mil/bios/rodman\\_bio.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/bios/rodman_bio.html). This call will be On Background.

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) or call her at (b)(2)

We hope you are able to participate.

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**From:** JedBabbin@  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2006 7:07 AM  
**To:** tmcinerney@, paulvalley@  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Today's Spectator: Hastert and Bush

The wheels have fallen off the White House; immigration; the Jefferson Documents (no, not the Declaration of Independence).

The American Spectator

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** JedBabbin@[b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 27, 2006 5:26 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; [b)(6)] LTC OSD PA  
**Subject:** Re: Thanks

My pleasure. Thanks again.

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** JedBabbin@**(b)(6)**  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 27, 2006 2:46 PM  
**To:** **(b)(6)** LTC OSD PA  
**Cc:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Thanks

**(b)(6)** I thought the hit with Mr. Rodman yesterday went very well. FYI, there's a transcript of it posted on **(b)(6)** website:

Radio Blogger

Again, thanks. Best, Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

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From: (b)(6)  
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2006 6:26 PM  
To: (b)(6)  
Subject: CNN Presents Wounded Warriors, 27 and 28 May, 8 pm and 11 pm EDT

From the net...courtesy of (b)(6)

On Memorial Day weekend, CNN will broadcast a one hour documentary that details the journey traveled by our wounded service members, "from the point of injury on the battlefield... all the way home." Several "wounded warriors" are also followed as they go through rehab and face subsequent career/life decisions. The program will be shown on CNN this Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 27th at 8pm and 11pm; on Sunday, May 28th at 2am, 8pm, and 11pm; and on Monday, May 29th at 2am. (All times EST)

Subject: CNN Presents Wounded Warriors

Hello All!

Gen.Don Shepperd was kind enough to recommend me to you about a year ago, when some of my original stories on our Wounded Warriors aired on CNN (there are some nice comments by Gen.Shepperd below about the original stories). I hope you'll be interested in watching a special one hour CNN Presents documentary I've produced, updating the journey of the injured 18-months into their recovery. Please set your VCR's & Tivos this Memorial Day Weekend (info below)... and let me know what you think! Thank you very much for spreading the word---

Sincerely, Alex Quade

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CNN PRESENTS: WOUNDED WARRIORS MAY 27TH & MAY 28TH (MEMORIAL WEEKEND)

Americans trust, if their sons, daughters, husbands or wives are sent to Iraq, that the military will take care of their loved ones and bring them home quickly should they be injured. On a very special documentary CNN PRESENTS: "WOUNDED WARRIORS" we will show you exactly how that happens... from the point of injury on the battlefield... all the way home. CNN Correspondent Alex Quade follows the medical care our troops receive in Iraq at each "level of care": from the time they are wounded, through "the golden hour" with buddy care and helicopter medevac, to field hospitals, and then aeromedical evacuation to Landstuhl, Germany, where these wounded warriors have more treatment before returning to Walter Reed and other facilities in the U.S. Ms.Quade follows a number of these warriors as they receive stateside treatment and make hard decisions about their futures.

For more than 18-months, Ms.Quade has been documenting the stories of these battlefield heroes... not only those who have been wounded but those who are providing medical care. She also came across what could become a brand new level of care for all branches of the military: the first "Wounded Warriors Barracks" in America, an experiment conceived by one of the injured Marines Quade has covered from the moment he was wounded near Iskandiriyah, Iraq.

It is unprecedented coverage. An inside look that civilians have not seen. Alex Quade traveled to Iraq on several occasions to embed with units in all branches of the military... not only with combat medical teams, but also field hospitals and air medevac units on the frontlines. She was given permission from the injured, and their families, to

share their personal stories. And, for the very first time, to show their faces. The footage was shot carefully and respectfully.

Quade's initial "Wounded Warriors" stories on CNN garnered an overwhelming response from across all branches of the military, as well as families of servicemen and women. Several U.S. military units are now using copies of it as part of their training for troops about to deploy to Iraq. And now with brand new follow-ups 18-months into the recovery of the wounded... this has become a very special one hour documentary for the award-winning CNN PRESENTS unit.

Maj. Gen. Don Shepperd, USAF (ret.), CNN military analyst has this to say about CNN PRESENTS: "WOUNDED WARRIORS"... "The piece is one of the best and most powerful pieces of TV journalism you will ever see. You cannot view it without a lump in your throat and mist in your eyes - the strength of our troops, the strength, expertise and kindness of those who care for them and the strength of the families will make you feel inadequate."

GySgt. Mel Greer, USMC, one of the wounded warriors Quade followed for 18-months, from Ramadi, Iraq to Camp Pendleton, California, has this to say about this CNN PRESENTS special: "You do not get shot and get home and everything is fine, as Hollywood would like you to believe. It is a long process. Recovery takes time, for some people, it takes years. And by showing viewers this, they will see the truth and it will help their families and other servicemen and women going through the process."

Please join us in watching this very special hour of award-winning journalism. We extend our invitation to you and you're your families to watch CNN PRESENTS: "WOUNDED WARRIORS" on Saturday and Sunday, May 27TH and 28th at 8pm and 11pm eastern. A final word from Gen. Don Shepperd (USAF, ret.):

"We are well to remember that there are those who also serve in danger in addition to our troops; however, Alex's piece is a tribute to our military and to America."

Thank you.



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**From:** JedBabbin@[b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 26, 2006 9:03 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Thanks

Got Rodman for a hit on the Hewitt show today. Gracias, amigo. (Or can I say that with (b)(6) in the country?) Best, Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** (b)(6) LTC OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 25, 2006 1:14 PM  
**To:** Whitman, Bryan Mr OSD PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CDR, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** ASD Rodman interview with Jed Babbin on China Military Power Report

Sir,

Mr. Rodman agreed that he will do the interview with Jed Babbin tomorrow evening. Jed is subbing for Hugh Hewitt on Salem Radio Network's Hugh Hewitt Show. Mr. Rodman would be the first guest scheduled for 1806 until 1817 EDT and will discuss the 2006 China Military Power Report. The show is a 3 hour show that will feature a discussion of Jed's new book on China and breaking news events. The show reaches a conservative audience in 120 cities.

I am coordinating with the producer of the show. It is posted on the events calendar.

R/

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 11:34 AM  
**To:** 'JedBabbin@' (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: (no subject)

We are working Iraq now, end of June.

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

United States Department of Defense

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**From:** JedBabbin@aol.com [mailto:JedBabbin@] (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 11:33 AM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Re: (no subject)

D: Thanks. Won't be able to be there. Out flakking the new book. When we goin' to Afghanistan, guy? Best, Jed.

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 9:22 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Iraq article

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Eric,

Article in Slate by Bing West -- he's a good guy, SecDef thinks highly of him. Might be worth running in the Early Bird. Thanks,

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### **Handing Off a War, Dispatches From Iraq**

By Bing West

Updated Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at 6:42 AM ET

**From:** Bing West

**Subject:** U.S. and Iraqi Soldiers on Patrol in Baghdad

Posted Monday, May 22, 2006, at 6:23 AM ET

BAGHDAD, Iraq—First Lt. Yarub Altawee, 26, wandered in and out of the stores along bustling Palestine Street, the upscale shopping area in east Baghdad, asking, "How's business?" In the late afternoon, the street was jammed with cars and people, many of the women dressed in chic, Western-style clothes. The small stalls displayed brightly colored goods and trinkets.

Palestine Street bisects Baghdad south of Sadr City, and it was up and down this boulevard that the Shiite militia had raced in cars and pickup trucks at the end of February, generating fears of a civil war. But there was little sense of apprehension in early May as I accompanied a patrol of Iraqi and American soldiers walking down the crowded sidewalk, politely sharing the space with shoppers. Leading the patrol was Maj. Orestees "Bo" Davenport, 38, of Fayetteville, N.C. Davenport, a burly former football player, commanded a mobile transition team stationed with an Iraqi battalion in the center of east Baghdad where Shiite militias and death squads have rampaged, terrorizing Sunni neighborhoods. Davenport doesn't believe, though, that this violence is a "civil war."

"I'm a military history buff. To me, a civil war means heavy fighting. That's not what we have here," he said. "When [Muqtada]

Sadr's militia poured into our area in February, there were killings on both sides. But it didn't escalate. Sadr's guys and the Iraqi army faced off, but neither wanted a real battle."

Still, the absence of sustained combat does not signal normalcy. In shop after shop, the soldiers received the same voluble response. The economy is OK, but security is terrible. Shoppers rush home before the sun sets. Everyone closes in the early evening, which is prime shopping time. People don't know where a bomb will go off. And robbers are walking into shops, pointing guns, and walking out with cash or kidnapping the owner for ransom. Some robbers wear police uniforms. Although anyone could buy a uniform, distrust of the police was mentioned in shop after shop.

For hours, the patrol meandered through the city, from fashionable Palestine Street to the Sunni suburb of Adhamiya, through the mixed districts of Babnal and Abdul Qadr, and into hardscrabble Al Fadhal, where raw sewage runs down mud alleyways too narrow for vehicles.

Lt. Altawee stopped before a long table that blocked half the street. Sitting on stools and broken chairs were a dozen men with weathered faces, too poor to afford coffee or tea, sitting idly, staring at the soldiers.

"Iraqi soldiers, yes! American soldiers, yes!" an older man burst out in English. "Police, no!"

"Fadhal has a mean reputation," Davenport said. "You don't come down here if they don't want you here. They fought the police the other night. They don't trust them."

The patrol continued past a large mosque guarded by soldiers.

"Sadr's militia tried to take it over," Capt. Muhamed Eba, 28, explained. "We got here first. They drove up, shouting and honking horns. Then they drove away. They knew they'd lose. We have the Americans."

He pointed his finger toward Davenport. As the twilight darkened, the traffic thinned out, and the shopkeepers began pulling down the aluminum siding that protected their storefronts.

"The Iraqi\* army can block off large movements of Shiite militia

from Sadr City," Davenport said as we walked down the street. "Place two tanks at four intersections. Saddam designed the streets with that in mind. It's a matter of will, not of RPGs."

While Davenport was with the Iraqi soldiers in the heart of the city, most of his battalion was working in the suburbs two miles to the south. The next morning, Davenport met for breakfast with his commanding officer, Lt. Col. Brian E. Winski, who was leading the 1-61 Cavalry Squadron, 506<sup>th</sup> Regimental Combat Team, 101<sup>st</sup> Air Assault Division. Like Davenport, Winski, 39, of Milwaukee, is on his second tour.

After swapping notes with Davenport, Winski hopped into his Humvee and headed for the local market. The Humvee, heavy with slabs of armor on its doors, rolled slowly down a rutted macadam road next to the tranquil Diyala River in southeast Baghdad.

Winski passed by a string of farms nestled under palm trees. Ahead was the trestle bridge leading from the shantytown of Jisr Diyala into Baghdad. Three years earlier, a platoon of Marines had seized the bridge under fire, the beginning of the final push that took them to Firdos Square, where they hauled down Saddam's statue as TV viewers around the world watched.

Winski stopped in a dusty field filled with taxis waiting for fares from the nearby market. He called out, and a crowd of men and boys gathered around.

"Another IED went off on the river road last night," he said through an interpreter. "You keep telling me it's outsiders. I keep telling you they're not invisible. Someone saw something. My Humvees are armored. Your children are the ones who get hurt." Men started out-shouting one another. The translator, Muhamed Ayanda (a pseudonym), yelled until he restored order. The Shiite crowd demanded lights on the road. That would fix it. Most blamed Sunni villagers who lived up the road. A few suggested Sadr's militia had placed the IEDs. Winski offered cash for

information. The men laughed, making slicing motions across their necks.

Both sides waited for the conclusion of the discussion: soccer balls. Winski always had some for the kids. Sure enough, Sgt. Maj. Fields selected half a dozen of the smallest children and gave them backpacks and soccer balls. Winski had a final word before he left. "A kid up the river road had his right leg blown off at the knee. You've all seen him. That'll be your kid one of these days."

Winski drove back along the road, stopping when he bumped into one of his platoon commanders and an explosive-ordnance team. A few hundred feet ahead, a small green robot with a long claw was snipping the wires from an artillery shell hidden in the grass.

On a video feed, Winski watched for a minute, then he congratulated his men.

It wasn't us, they replied. A farmer pointed out the location, saying his kids almost stepped on it.

Winski drove back to the base, explaining his strategy to me. "That IED was found outside a Sunni village. I'll pay a call on the sheik, and he'll tell me a rival set it to make him look bad. That's probably the truth, but I'll put him through daily searches until he stops the guy who's doing this," Winski said. "We're not in a kinetic war here in south Baghdad. We're detectives. We get to know the community and make arrests, just like police. We don't take sides. We've arrested Shiites for murdering a Sunni and Sunnis for planting IEDs. We have to give both Sunnis and Shiites a stake in the future."

*Correction, May 22, 2006: Due to an editing error, this article originally said that "The Iranian army can block off large movements of Shiite militia from Sadr City." Maj. Davenport was*



*referring to the Iraqi army. (Return to the corrected sentence.)*

**From:** Bing West

**Subject:** In Fallujah, Resistance Is Futile

Posted Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at 6:42 AM ET

FALLUJAH, Iraq—In 2004, the two most savage battles of the Iraq war raged up and down the streets and inside the 30,000 concrete buildings of Fallujah. Located on the Euphrates River 30 miles west of Baghdad, Fallujah gained a truculent, xenophobic reputation decades before Saddam came to power. Poorly educated and inclined toward banditry, its tribes quarreled among themselves and harassed outsiders.

After the killing and lynching of four American contractors on Fallujah's main street in April 2004, the White House ordered the Marines to seize the city and then, under international pressure sparked by an outraged Arab press, ordered the Marines to withdraw. When the city fell under the control of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and al-Qaida, the Marines attacked again in November. The result was a bloody urban brawl that included more than 200 firefights inside houses.

Over 18,000 buildings were damaged or destroyed. Altogether, 160 Americans died in Fallujah, as well as thousands of insurgents. After the battle, all military-aged males were issued identification cards and an earthen berm was thrown up around the city, limiting entrance to seven checkpoints.

By May 2006, Fallujah was secure by Iraqi standards, with an explosion on the roads or a shooting every few days. Inside the city, two Iraqi army battalions provided security. The city council insisted that the checkpoints on the outskirts remain in place. An

hour's delay was preferable to the return of the al-Qaida days. Thanks to the comparative stability, there was new construction on every street.

In Fallujah, the U.S. presence had dropped from 12 rifle companies in 2004 to one company from the 25<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment. When I accompanied an evening patrol through a tough district called the Pizza Slice, I saw the ever-present tension for myself.

The Marines walked with confidence among the hundreds of Sunni men clustered on sidewalks outside small shops that offered fresh vegetables, lamb, cell phones, satellite dishes, refrigerators, generators, and trinkets. Two years ago, these same stores sold AK-47s, grenades, and machine guns. Some of the shopkeepers were probably once arms merchants. The Marines affected an insouciant air, cheerfully uttering repeated *salaams* while scanning the rooftops for snipers. The Iraqis responded reluctantly, replying without a smile or turning away.

Sam, the Iraqi translator for the Marines, kept his pistol with the strap unhooked, a sign that he did not like the area. Every U.S. battalion has two or three "Sams"—Iraqis paid \$1,100 a month who would be killed on the spot if they were caught outside American lines. It's rare to meet a U.S. battalion or company commander on patrol who does not have a trusted translator standing beside him. Sam has worked in Fallujah for 30 months with a succession of American units, and, like most translators, he is suspicious, if not downright cynical, of his fellow Iraqis.

"Sure, you see big changes. Things are better," he said. "The Iraqi army is here now. They're Shiites. When the Marines leave, there'll be fighting."

The patrol passed an Iraqi police station that was surrounded by barbed wire. The police stood around outside, some talking with

shopkeepers. None of the police greeted the passing Marines.

"We get along great with the Iraqi army," Maj. Vaughn Ward said. "The police won't have anything to do with us. Some of them are dirty. Any cop that helps us would get popped when he walked home."

The local Sunni police live in the city and, unlike many of the Shiite soldiers, are acceptable to the residents. Insurgents and spies have infiltrated the police. They do not arrest insurgents or report the locations of IEDs. They survive by going along.

In 2005, the main training effort was to partner Iraqi battalions with U.S. battalions and advisers. 2006 was declared "the year of the police," which meant ridding the police of any members loyal to Shiite militias or to the Sunni insurgents and unifying the force as a reliable tool of the elected government. Achieving that goal when uniformed officers go home alone at night is a huge challenge.

Even in Fallujah, though, cracks were showing in the insurgent front. City officials vigorously deny any connection to al-Qaida. The city's fifth mayor in four years, Sheik Hamas Abbas, fought off an assassin whom he described as a foreigner. The police chief arrested three terrorists from Saudi Arabia.

The day after walking through the souk, I attended a city council meeting in the same room where, two years earlier, I had watched Marine commander Maj. Gen. James N. Mattis prepare for a gunbattle. Sure enough, as soon as I walked inside, the sharp staccato of small-arms fire reverberated outside. Marines grabbed their weapons and rushed out.

Three Iraqis lay dead in the street. Lance Cpl. Kenneth W. Boss was patting his armored vest, looking for a bullet wound. Boss had been driving by City Hall in a Humvee when a four-door maroon

Opel suddenly stopped in front of him and tried to back up.

"I'm going to shake down that car," Boss said to his turret gunner. "Cover me."

Boss hopped out and approached the car. When he was 2 feet away, the driver pointed a pistol at him and fired through the window of the car door. Hit square in the chest, Boss fell backward thinking, *I'm dead, but it doesn't hurt*. Lying on his back, he fired three bullets into the car door. The turret gunner, Lance Cpl. David Pelaez, was also firing on semi-automatic, as the Humvee driver, Lance Cpl. Omare Beury, leaped out and began shooting.

Hit repeatedly, the Iraqi driver slumped sideways as his passenger slipped out the other door, ran to a taxi stopped nearby, and jerked open the door as a shield. Struck in the head, he fell. In the fusillade, the taxi driver was also killed.

Boss, a reservist who was a New York City cop, was wearing a GPS receiver strapped to the outside of his armored vest. He found the bullet lodged in the armored plate above his heart. "That's the second time someone's looked me in the eyes and tried to kill me," Boss said. "Once in New York and now in Fallujah."

Inside City Hall, 16 Iraqi council members and three Iraqi army officers sat at the conference table. Along the walls sat another dozen Iraqis and a half-dozen Americans. The meeting was in Arabic, with simultaneous translation into English.

The meeting had been called because 70 recruits from Fallujah had deserted from the Iraqi army, demanding that they be allowed to serve in Fallujah and nowhere else. Mayor Abbas, a voluble orator, supported the deserters, insisting that Sunnis from Fallujah must replace the Shiite soldiers in the city. The exasperated Iraqi army officers yelled back, insisting that Iraq needed one unified army, not sectarian militias. The mayor would not back down, and round

and round they went, getting nowhere.

Finally, Col. Larry Nicholson, who commands the 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, recommended that they defer debate until a high-level delegation from Baghdad arrived a few days later. The council agreed.

Irreverent and appreciative of the ironies of life, Nicholson, who was severely wounded in Fallujah in 2004, is the classic crusty Marine commander. A week earlier, the mayor had declared with a flourish that he was a member of the resistance.

"So, what are you resisting?" an unimpressed Nicholson asked. "The money we bring? The support we give you in Baghdad? The security we bring? Our division motto is 'No Better Friend, No Worse Enemy.' " In Fallujah's case, Mr. Mayor, we're your only friend."

The next morning, I was talking with Cpl. Boss when there was a loud explosion outside. We rushed out to a scene of carnage. Hundreds of civilians had been lined up in response to a police recruiting campaign. A suicide bomber had joined the line and blown 14 of his fellow Arabs to smithereens. Some policemen were loading bodies into their pickup trucks while others walked around with plastic bags, picking up fragments. A water truck was summoned to wash away the blood.

The police declined the Marines' offer of assistance. Then small-arms fire broke out down an alley and the police reconsidered. When the Marines rushed forward, the shooting stopped. The Marines drove away, discussing the irony among themselves. On several occasions, police stopped civilian traffic before an IED

went off near a Humvee, or warned pedestrians to steer clear before snipers shot at Americans, or took away the bodies of insurgents. They were obviously on good terms with local insurgent gangs. Yet others—probably al-Qaida—still killed police officers. The Marines wanted the police to take a stand, which they would not do even as they were being killed.

The next day, a bevy of Iraqi and American generals flew in from Baghdad to meet with the city council. The mayor welcomed them by declaring that Fallujah's residents were unable to travel to Baghdad. Besides the three permanent checkpoints outside the capital, there were often two mobile checkpoints manned by police who called anyone from Fallujah a "Saddamist." Everyone is afraid of the police. The mayor himself would not risk going to Baghdad. The only solution, he said, is to recruit an army battalion from inside the city, separate from the predominantly Shiite battalions. Lt. Gen. Maseer al-Qdeidi, from the Ministry of Defense, patiently explained that a united Iraq needs a Shiite-Sunni army, not separate militias. Lt. Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli, commander of the Multi-National Force, reminded the mayor that the creation of a "Fallujah Brigade" in 2004 had been a disaster, with Zarqawi and the extremists taking over. Surely the mayor did not want that. Lt. Gen. Martin Dempsey, in charge of the military training in Iraq, told the mayor that sectarian armies would tear the country apart and leave Fallujah with no support and no resources. It was not going to happen. Period.

After the meeting broke up, the mayor turned to Weston and Nicholson. "How'd I do?" "Terrible," they replied. "You overplayed your hand. You'd better get some of those Fallujah deserters back into the Iraqi battalions if you want to be a player. Get onboard the train; don't stand in front of it." The mayor said he'd consider it.

*A former assistant secretary of defense and former Marine, Bing West is the author of No True Glory: A Frontline Account of the Battle for Fallujah. He is writing a history of the Iraqi insurgency.*

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 9:11 AM  
**To:** 'Spicer, Sean'  
**Subject:** RE:

Sean,

As I was starting to send you the email addresses it occurred to me that I should let you know in advance, I have been hit with a foia finding on all of my communications with and from our retired military analysts stemming from the events a few weeks back. Not sure if you want your bit to be included in my foia hit, which it would be if I sent the info to you. Let me know.

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

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**From:** Spicer, Sean (b)(6)  
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**To:** tmcinerney@**(b)(6)**; paulvalley@**(b)(6)**  
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**Subject:** Today's Human Events: China's Military Power

Timing is everything. Yesterday's release of the DoD report on China's military power shows the problem. This, I hope, is part of the solution.

HUMAN EVENTS ONLINE - Our Best Diplomats by Jed Babbin

**Jed Babbin**

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**From:** (b)(6) LTC OSD PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 6:42 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Subject:** Re: Friday

Sir'  
I'll take care of this.

LTC (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**To:** (b)(6) LTC OSD PA  
**CC:** Whitman, Bryan Mr OSD PA  
**Sent:** Tue May 23 20:01:23 2006  
**Subject:** Fw: Friday

(b)(6) jed was one of the mil analysts and if peter is available he should do this.  
Thanks

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** JedBabbin@(b)(6)  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD  
**Sent:** Tue May 23 18:25:43 2006  
**Subject:** Friday

Eric: I'm subbing for Hugh Hewitt again Friday (Salem Radio Network, 6-9 pm EDT, national. www.hughhewitt.com) . Would love to get someone (Rumsfeld? Rodman?) on to talk about the new China report. Please see what you can do. I'll pester you again in a coupla days. Best, Jed.

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**To:** Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** FW: proposal memo for analyst trip.doc

Fyi, my suggestions to tara on this were as follows:

- 1) we not give dorrance specific dates, rather we say we plan to launch in June based on centcoms earliest availability given their op tempo
- 2) we not include Afghanistan in the memo, rather keep it Iraq focused, if we can add in Afghanistan, great, we get a gold star, but if somehow that piece falls through, we (you) wont find yourself having to explain why it didn't happen after he briefed it to Karl at the weekly meeting
- 3) I will reach out to Col Ford tomorrow to see how we can make this an MNFI/MNCI priority (i.e. they guarantee the plane with (b)(6) credentials, vice you having to kill a week out of the office). In that event, (b)(6) (I now you want her to go) or (b)(6) and I can manage the trip.

I am a little worried about you being out of the office so much. Especially with the games afoot as they are, I think you need to be here to stamp out the backstabbers.

Sad, but alas, true.

My two cents.

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

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does this work??

thanks

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Dorrance Smith

FROM: Allison Barber

CC: Dallas Lawrence

Roxie Merritt

DATE: Tuesday, May 23, 2006

RE: Proposal for Analyst Trip To Iraq and Afghanistan

Based on the success of our previous trips to Iraq with the Retired Military Analysts, I would like to propose another trip to Iraq and Afghanistan.

I would propose the Analysts spend Monday, the 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of June in Iraq. This is an ideal time for them to visit the country and meet with the new Iraqi government, as well as top U.S. and coalition commanders for updates on the training of Iraqi security forces. They would then proceed to Afghanistan and would spend Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of June meeting with government officials and receiving briefings from U.S. and NATO military commanders.

I would also like to propose that we make available to them opportunities to conduct interviews with U.S. media while in country. If we receive approval this week it will be within the preferred timeframe for CENTCOM to