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From: (b)(6), CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 3:26 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Leaving now

i'm calling him.

(b)

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

From: JedBabbin@ (b)(6) [mailto:JedBabbin@ (b)(6)]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 3:14 PM
To: eric.ruff@osd.mil
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: Leaving now

Guys: I'm on the cell phone only between now and about 5 pm, on the way to the studio. Please let me know if we can get Petraeus. Many thanks. Best, Jed.

Jed Babbin

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

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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 3:22 PM
To: jedbabbin@(b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) Capt. USMC, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Hugh Hewitt stations

Jed, ltg petraeus will do the show. I'd like to suggest he be your first guest coming right out of the news at the top of the hour. He can go for 15 minutes (a little more if you think the flow is good). There are no call-ins, right. (b)(6) is w/the ltg and has the contact info you've given me. We need the studio line. Thanks, eric

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----
From: JedBabbin@(b)(6) <JedBabbin@(b)(6)>
To: Eric.Ruff@(b)(6) <Eric.Ruff@(b)(6)>
Sent: Wed Oct 05 14:50:38 2005
Subject: Re: Hugh Hewitt stations

Prefer any time within 6-7 pm EDT. I'd be grateful for any length segment, but would like at least 10 mins with him. We can chat before to limit topics if he's uneasy.

Jed Babbin
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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 2:49 PM
To: 'jedbabbin@'(b)(6)
Subject: Re: Hugh Hewitt stations

Is there a preferred time or are we wide open?

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: JedBabbin@'(b)(6) <JedBabbin@'(b)(6)>
To: Eric.Ruff@'(b)(6) <Eric.Ruff@'(b)(6)>
Sent: Wed Oct 05 14:39:10 2005
Subject: Re: Hugh Hewitt stations

Eric: Many thanks. Producer's name is Duane Patterson. His cell number is (b)(2).
Don't have the call-in number handy but will get it for you asap. Best, Jed.

Jed Babbin

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(b)(2) (home fax)
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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 2:36 PM
To: 'jedbabbin@(b)(6)'; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Hugh Hewitt stations

Jed, glad to broach this. Meantime, what is the call-in # for the studio, what is the producer's name and what is the back-up phone #? Thanks.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: JedBabbin@(b)(6) <JedBabbin@(b)(6)>
To: (b)(6)
CC: eric.ruff@(b)(6) <eric.ruff@(b)(6)>
Sent: Wed Oct 05 12:48:38 2005
Subject: Hugh Hewitt stations

Guys: Here's the broadcast list for Hugh's show. Please let me know if we can get Petraeus. Many thanks. Best, Jed.

Hugh Hewitt: Station List

Jed Babbin

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 1:33 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: rsvp's for conf call

here are the confirmed for today's call with petraeus:

Confirmed Retired Military Analysts:

Colonel Ken Allard	(USA, Retired)
Mr. Jed Babbin	(USAF, JAG)
Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu	(USA, Retired)
Colonel (Tim) J. Eads	(USA, Retired)
Colonel Jeff McCausland	(USA, Retired)
Lieutenant General Thomas McInerney	(USAF, Retired)
General William L. Nash	(USA, Retired)
Lieutenant General Erv Rokke	(USAF, Retired)

Confirmed Civilian Defense Experts:

Mr. Barry Posen, Professor of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Walter B. Slocombe, Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered
Mr. John Wobensmith, American Foreign Policy Council
Michael Horowitz, Hudson Institute

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Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 12:49 PM
To: **(b)(6)** CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: Hugh Hewitt stations

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Hugh Hewitt: Station List

Jed Babbin

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From: (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 10:41 AM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD; Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA

Attachments: Data Depot for 10.04.05.doc



Data Depot for
10.04.05.doc (1...

- polling data about Iraq and hurricane relief
- military analyst quotes about Operation Iron Fist
- measuring TV coverage of Able Danger, SecDef, and Guantanamo over the past month

<<Data Depot for 10.04.05.doc>>

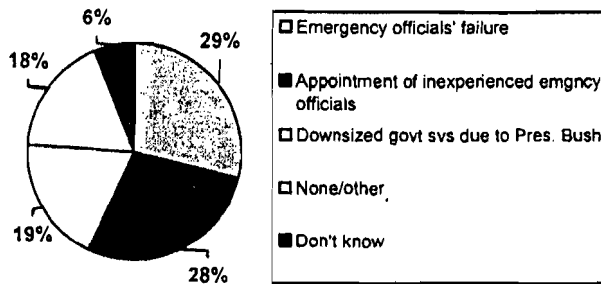
Poll-pourri

Newsweek Poll conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International, 9/29 - 30

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling terrorism and homeland security?"

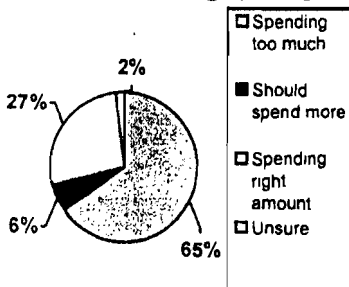
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9/8 - 9/9	46	48	6
8/2 - 8/4	51	41	8
3/17 - 3/18	57	35	8
4/8 - 4/9	59	35	6
3/25 - 3/26	57	38	5
2/19 - 2/20	65	28	7

What/who do you believe was the most important factor in Washington not doing a better job in responding to Hurricane Katrina?

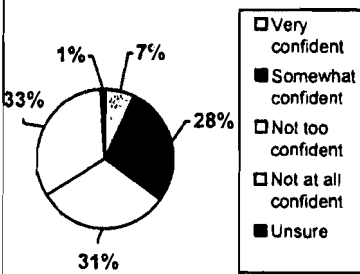


AP/Ipsos Poll - 9/16 - 9/18

What best describes how you feel about federal spending on the rebuilding of Iraq?



How confident are you that this money is being spent wisely?



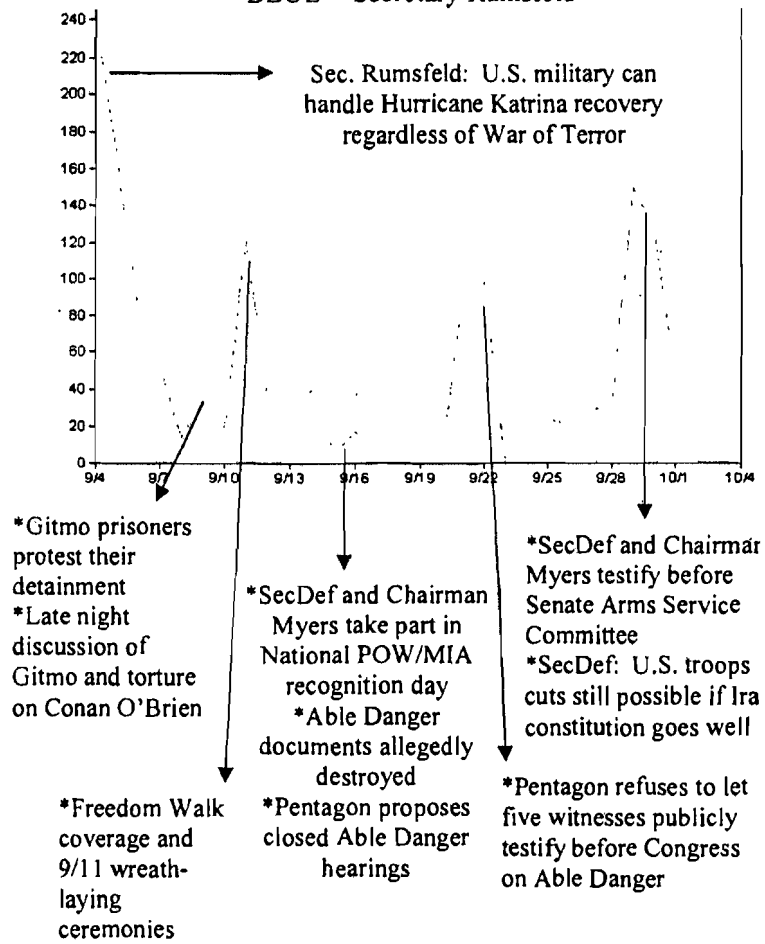
Military Analysts on "Operation Iron Fist"

Major General Bob Scales (Fox News):
 • "The key is Syria, the last thing we want is for this (war) to be Iraq's Cambodia"

Colonel Jack Jacobs (MSNBC):
 • "Eventually we will be withdrawing our troops which is why we are training 'advisors' to leave behind with Iraqi units"

Able Danger, Secretary Rumsfeld and Guantanamo TV Coverage Over One Month

RED = Able Danger GREEN = Guantanamo BLUE = Secretary Rumsfeld



*Includes CNN MSNBC Fox News, as well as

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Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 10:36 AM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD; Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: This Week's Data Depot. Topics include

- polling data about Iraq and hurricane relief
- military analyst quotes about Operation Iron Fist
- measuring TV coverage of Able Danger, SecDef, and Guantanamo over the past month

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 9:56 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: Conference Call TODAY

jed wants petraeus on radio. any chance?
thanks

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

From: JedBabbin@ (b)(6) [mailto:JedBabbin@ (b)(6)]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 9:27 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Conference Call TODAY

(b)(6) Thanks. I'll be there. Doing the Hugh Hewitt show today. Any chance of getting Petraeus on for a five or ten minute segment? I know it'd be almost impossible (we're on 6-9 pm, which is 2-5 am Baghdad time) but I have to ask. Thanks.

Jed Babbin

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 9:41 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Conference Call TODAY

here's the latest info i have for him....

Dr. Andrew F. Krepinevich, Jr.
Executive Director
The Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments
1730 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Suite 912
Washington, DC 20036
Telephone: (b)(2)
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Email: [krepinevich@\(b\)\(6\)](mailto:krepinevich@(b)(6))

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 9:40 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Conference Call TODAY

(b)(6) do you have a # for krepenevich? thanks.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 9:25 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Conference Call TODAY

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MEMORANDUM

To: Retired Military Analysts

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

Date: October 5, 2005

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

We invite you to participate in a conference call, *Today, October 5, 2005, from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm.*

Lieutenant General David H. Petraeus will brief you on progress and operations from his time in Iraq. His biography is attached for your review. Your host for this call will be (b)(6)

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

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

We hope you are able to participate.

<< File: Lt. Gen. Petraus Bio.doc >>

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United States Army

Lieutenant General DAVID H. PETRAEUS

Enroute to: Commanding General
United States Army Combined Arms Center and Fort
Leavenworth
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas 66027-2300
since: October 2005

SOURCE OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE USMA

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses
Armor Officer Advanced Course
United States Army Command and General Staff College
Senior Service College Fellowship - Georgetown University

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

United States Military Academy - BS - No Major
Princeton University - MPA - International Relations
Princeton University - PHD. - International Relations

FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S) None recorded

PROMOTIONS

DATES OF APPOINTMENT

2LT	5 Jun 74
1LT	5 Jun 76
CPT	8 Aug 78
MAJ	1 Aug 85
LTC	1 Apr 91
COL	1 Sep 95
BG	1 Jan 00
MG	1 Jan 03
LTG	18 May 04

MAJOR DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
May 75	Jan 79	Platoon Leader, C Company, later S-4 (Logistics), later S-1 (Personnel), 509th Airborne Battalion Combat Team, Vicenza, Italy
Jan 79	Jul 79	Assistant S-3 (Operations), 2d Brigade, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Georgia
Jul 79	May 81	Commander, A Company, later S-3 (Operations), 2d Battalion, 19th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Georgia

Lieutenant General DAVID H. PETRAEUS

May 81	May 82	Aide-de-Camp to the Division Commander, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Georgia
May 82	Jun 83	Student, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
Jun 83	Jun 85	Student, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey
Jul 85	Jun 87	Instructor, later Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York
Jun 87	Jun 88	Military Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe, Belgium
Jun 88	Aug 89	S-3 (Operations), 2d Battalion, 30th Infantry, later 1st Brigade, 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized), United States Army Europe, Germany
Aug 89	Aug 91	Aide/Assistant Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff, United States Army, Washington, DC
Aug 91	Jul 93	Commander, 3d Battalion, 187th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky
Jul 93	Jul 94	G-3 (Operations)/Director of Plans, Training and Mobilization, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky
Aug 94	Jan 95	Senior Service College Fellow, Georgetown University, Washington, DC
Jan 95	Jun 95	Chief Operations Officer, UN Mission in Haiti, OPERATION UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, Haiti
Jun 95	Jun 97	Commander, 1st Brigade, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Jun 97	Sep 97	Executive Assistant to the Director of the Joint Staff, The Joint Staff, Washington, DC
Oct 97	Aug 99	Executive Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, DC
Aug 99	Jul 00	Assistant Division Commander (Operations), 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Commanding General, Combined Joint Task Force-Kuwait, OPERATION DESERT SPRING, Kuwait
Jul 00	Aug 00	Acting Commanding General, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Aug 00	Jun 01	Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Jun 01	Jun 02	Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, SFOR and Deputy Commander, United States Joint Interagency Counter-Terrorism Task Force, OPERATION JOINT FORGE, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina
Jul 02	May 04	Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell, Fort Campbell, Kentucky and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq
May 04	Sep 05	Commander, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq/Commander, NATO Training Mission-Iraq, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Military Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander Major Europe, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe, Belgium (Cumulative Joint Credit)		Jun 87 - Jun 88
Chief Operations Officer, UN Mission in Haiti, OPERATION UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, Haiti (No Joint Credit)	Jan 95 - Jun 95	Lieutenant Colonel

Lieutenant General DAVID H. PETRAEUS

Executive Assistant to the Director, The Joint Staff, later Jun 97 - Aug 99 Colonel
Executive Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, DC

Commanding General, Combined Joint Task Force- Aug 99 - Sep 99 Colonel
Kuwait, OPERATION DESERT SPRING, Kuwait
(No Joint Credit)

Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, SFOR and Deputy Jun 01 - Jul 02
Brigadier General
Commander, United States Joint Interagency Counter-Terrorism Task Force, OPERATION JOINT FORGE, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina (No Joint Credit)

Commander, Multi-National Security Transition Command- May 04 - Sep 05
Lieutenant General
Iraq/Commander, NATO Training Mission-Iraq, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Defense Distinguished Service Medal
Distinguished Service Medal
Defense Superior Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster)
Legion of Merit (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Joint Service Commendation Metal
Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Army Achievement Medal
Expert Infantryman Badge
Master Parachutist Badge
Air Assault Badge
Ranger Tab
Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge
Army Staff Identification Badge

As of 10 April 2008

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From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 8:01 AM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Grimsley, William F, COL, OSD; Stanley, Daniel, Hon., OSD-LA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: Rangel, Robert S, CIV, OSD
Subject: Re:

Military analysts call would be great. Please include tara on all scheduling issues so she can coordinate.

Thx

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA <larry.dirita@(b)(6)>
To: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA <Bryan.Whitman@(b)(6)>; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@(b)(6)>; (b)(6)
(b)(6) Stanley, Daniel, Hon., OSD-LA <Daniel.Stanley@(b)(6)>
CC: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA <Allison.Barber@(b)(6)>; Rangel, Robert S, CIV, OSD <Robert.Rangel@(b)(6)>
Sent: Wed Oct 05 07:57:42 2005
Subject:

For gen petreaus today, things to consider:

Press avail -- definitely

Military analysts? Any available? Just a handful of the more active ones would be fine.

Krepinevich meeting? Is anyone in contact with him. It would be worth the effort. He wrote the "oil spot" article for foreign affairs.

Individual members if not the committees? McCain? Warner? Hunter?

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From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2005 7:30 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: O'Reilly and Gen Clark

May not have been last nite.

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2005 3:19 PM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Subject: FW: O'Reilly and Gen Clark

i'm stuck. i asked for the relevant transcript segment and this is all their is. i don't see a "dump" the boss statement.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2005 11:22 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; (b)(6), CIV, OSD-LA
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: O'Reilly and Gen Clark

that is the only time that O'Reilly or anyone else on during the Factor last night mentioned the boss by title or name. any other keywords that would help narrow the search?

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2005 11:11 AM
To: (b)(6), CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6), CIV, OSD-LA
Cc: (b)(6), CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: O'Reilly and Gen Clark

(b) i've gone through this and i'm not seeing anything that is overly critical of the sd. can you please doublecheck that this is the only portion of the show that o'reilly mentioned the sd? thanks.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2005 11:02 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OSD-LA
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: O'Reilly and Gen Clark

FNC 10/03/05 20:39:00: ...bill: joining us now is fox news military analyst wesley Clark who is thinking about iraq policy. general, go. what would you do if you were in charge.

>> it's always taken a three-legged stool to succeed in iraq. leg is the military and leg two is the politics in iraq and leg three is the diplomacy in the region and with iraq's neighbors. for the first year, we were in iraq and only had leg one, the military. then we added the the political and they're bringing a constitution to be voted on that will really anger 20% of the population. when it passes, which it probably will, we will have deeper animosities inside iraq. the mission is in trouble, right, it's a big mess. the reason is the bush administration never has really grasped the diplomatic problem in the region. we have to work the diplomacy for the region. we mead individually and we send people in and talk to iraq's neighbors. turkey and jordan. no problem. kuwait, no problem. syria and iran, that's really

tough. this administration doesn't want to talk to either one of them directly. they are part of the problem in iraq. when we invaded iraq we let syria and iran know they were next. we were putting this on syria right now and we would like to run the administration out of town. get rid of this government in syria and he has no intent to help us work in iraq. as far as iran is concerned, we have a looming nuclear crisis with iran and we are not talking to them. our military people in iraq is held hostage by the neighbors. we are going to have to talk to the neighbors if we want to make this mission work.

bill: syria i you can probably make a deal to spare ba sheer's life. i agree with you.

>> you can go in and start working it. he is a guy who wants to stay in power and has agencies competing against him and under cutting israel.

bill: i agree. i think it's workable in syria. u.s. should send the ambassador back. i don't think it's workable in iran. those people are so far beyond... this point that no matter what you said to them, it's not going to make a difference. >> have you been over to iran?

bill: i have been in the gulf.

>> i have been in the gulf too and had several instances of people from iran wanting to talk to me. there elements of the government that want to talk. now, can you do it so it doesn't look like weakness? that's what diplomats are supposed to be able to do.

bill: i'm not opposed to that.

>> you must find the common interest. no one wants a huge war inside iraq.

bill: i disagree. i think iran is thrilled about it.

>> iran can't win that war.

bill: if we cut and run as 25% of americans want to do right now, iran fill that is vacuum and team up and call the shots in southern iraq. i think iran is thrilled.

>> in southern iran they call the shots, but not all of iraq. you have saudi arabia, you have syria, you have jordan and a lot of money that is going to flow in there. the way it works is a lot of these countries are willing to use al-qaeda. >> that's what iran is doing. >> this is not going to suit their purposes to let iran have the whole country or even --

bill: let's settle up.

>> we top the build out of it a regional dialogue and let the united states train the iraqi forces and step back as the guarantor and let each of these countries guarantee iraq's border and let their --

bill: it's an optimistic viewpoint.

>> it's possible.

bill: north korea prove its, but we don't know that they will do what they say. i'm not opposed to having conversations with syria and iran to help us out, but syria, i think you can do it because as you said, it's his life. we can take his and should if he doesn't help us.

>> iran is the most difficult country in the region.... we have to engage if there is nothing wrong with talking to people.

bill: let me ask you about this ruling last week that after the aclu, the government has to put out more abu ghraib pictures. you heard miers saying nothing new. just more of the same. we all know from the news week debacle this is going to enflame. crimes of passion need a lighter. they need a flame. this will provide it. more americans are going to die. i have not heard anybody come out and condemn the ruling, any politician, anybody from the pentagon, **donald rumsfeld**, nobody. just me. what do you think?

>> a lot of us don't know what's in the pictures.

bill: you don't believe miers?

>> the other side is what is happening in iraq? it wasn't just abu ghraib. you have a captain who said that this kind of torture and beating up people and so forth was condoned by his unit and the chain of command is protecting it. >> you know what war is about? >> i don't. the united states army that i served in proudly for 34 years did not beat up and torture prisoners.

bill: with all respect, there were atrocities in vietnam and world war ii and world war i and the revolutionary war.

>> they were not by the chain of command. they were not condoned by the chain of command. they were court marbled.

bill: with all due respect -- general, you need to look at the massacre in world war ii in the 82nd airborne.

>> i'm looking at a volunteer army fighting a war against terror and you are going to win....

bill: you want those pictures out?

>> i want our army to live up to --

bill: so you want the pictures out?

>> we don't torture people. we need an investigation to see where this goes to the top level with the chain of command and up to the white house.

bill: yes or no, general? do you agree?

>> i would like to see the pictures.

bill: even to put americans in danger, you want to see them?

>> what puts americans in damage is not putting a geneva convention in force.

bill: we have guys over there. rethink it. i appreciate you coming around.

>> i want to see what we can do to clean it up. we can't win a war by torturing people.

bill: i agree but i don't want them in any more danger.

>> hellerstein is wrong.

right back with a large dangerous lizard who apparently likes florida. that's not good news for the sunshine state...

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2005 11:42 AM
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: RE:

No, I'm coordinating from back here. Susan is out there already and we got a lot of folks heading out as of yesterday.

I ran into Alison Barber yesterday--she told me that you and she are heading out there together--be safe out there.

Rob

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

From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA [mailto:Dallas.Lawrence@(b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2005 9:30 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject:

hey there. so, are you heading out to iraq for the elections?

I'm taking a group of military analysts out to iraq wednesday, will be there through this weekend, and then plan to return monday.

Is everything good with you?

-dl

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) MAJ MNF-I SCJS Trip Planner (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2005 10:24 AM
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: [U] OSD Media Visit (GEN Meigs + 13)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Dallas,

I noticed that Ms. Barber has been added to the list. Based on her title, this makes her the Primary for the visit.

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MAJ (b)(6)
Trip Planner, Visitor Operations Bureau
SCJS, MNF-I Command Group
Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq
DSN: (b)(2)
VOIP: (b)(2)
Iraqna: (b)(2)
NIPR: (b)(6)
SIPR: (b)(6)

"Don't get stuck on Stupid!"

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA [mailto:Dallas.Lawrence@ (b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2005 4:38 PM
To: (b)(6) MAJ MNF-I SCJS Trip Planner
Subject: RE: [U] OSD Media Visit (GEN Meigs + 13)

final list:

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General Montgomery Meigs (USA, Retired) NBC
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SSN: (b)(6)
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SSN: (b)(6)
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Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Allison Barber (Public Affairs)

SSN: (b)(6)

Dallas Lawrence, Director of Public Liaison

SSN: (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) MAJ MNF-I SCJS Trip Planner [mailto:(b)(6)]

Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2005 9:13 AM

To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA

Subject: RE: [U] OSD Media Visit (GEN Meigs + 13)

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Dallas,

Below is what is currently being worked/planned based on your arrival and departure into BIAP given to us by CFLCC Air. I need the final list of who will be coming. This affects helos as well as locations for some of the events (due to office sizes). Also, I need to know if everyone has a security clearance or not. Some of the information they will be receiving is considered classified.

Day 1:

Working Lunch with MNF-I Strategic Effects

Office Call with US Ambassador

Introductory Briefs:

Campaign Plan/Assessments

MNF-I Ops Update Brief

Status of Insurgency

Reconstruction (Electricity/Oil)

Dinner with GEN Casey

Day 2:

Attend MNF-I Battle Update Assessment

MND-B Situation Update/Ops and Intel Brief

Office Call with Iraqi Prime Minister (Tentative)

Office Call with Iraqi Minister of Defense (Tentative)

Office Call with Iraqi Minister of Interior (Tentative)

Office Call with LTG John Vines

Attend MNC-I Battle Update Assessment

Dinner with LTG Martin Dempsey

Day 3:

Visit IA and IP Training Sites

Please call me if you have any questions.

Major (b)(6)

MAJ (b)(6)

Trip Planner, Visitor Operations Bureau

SCJS, MNF-I Command Group

Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq

DSN: (b)(2)

VOIP:

Iraqna: (b)(2)

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA [mailto:Dallas.Lawrence@ (b)(6)]

Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2005 3:11 PM

To: (b)(6) MAJ MNF-I SCJS Trip Planner

Subject: RE: [U] OSD Media Visit (GEN Meigs + 13)

Major,

I was hoping to chat with you today to get an idea of the lay down for our time in Iraq prior to our departure tomorrow morning. Please let me know a good time to call. Thanks for everything.

d|

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

United States Department of Defense

W) (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) MAJ MNF-I SCJS Trip Planner [mailto:(b)(6)]

Sent: Monday, October 03, 2005 5:41 AM

To: dallas.lawrence@ (b)(6)

Subject: [U] OSD Media Visit (GEN Meigs + 13)

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Mr. Lawrence,

I have been assigned as the trip planner to coordinate this visit. I have received information from LTC (b)(6)

my boss, regarding the visit, but don't see any detailed information that lays out the groups arrival and departure time to Iraq. This information is needed in order to ensure we are able to plan a visit that provides you with the information you need and meets the intent of the visit.

Please contact me with the information at the email address or telephone numbers listed below.

Very Respectfully,

Major (b)(6)

MAJ (b)(6)

Trip Planner, Visitor Operations Bureau
SCJS, MNF-I Command Group
Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq

DSN: (b)(2)

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From: (b)(6) MAJ CFLCC/3A-FWD-CMD GRP (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2005 1:03 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Manifest for DoD Analyst DV trip (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

Is it possible to send me bio's on these folks? CG wants a "read-a-head: on this team.

Thanks

Major (b)(6)

From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA [mailto:Dallas.Lawrence@ (b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2005 5:34 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc:
Subject: Manifest for DoD Analyst DV trip

This is our current traveling party, we may add 1-2 additional folks by cob today, but no more. All will be arriving in on British Air Flight 157 from London, landing in Kuwait on Thursday, October 6, at 555 am. All will have a valid US Passport, no Visa. (my understanding is that these are issued on site). Thank you.

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2005 6:59 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: ROLE REVERSAL (BABBIN)

Role Reversal

By Jed Babbin

Published 10/3/2005 12:08:16 AM

The anti-war, anti-Bush MSM both here and abroad have reached a state of near-rapture. The president's problems, Tom DeLay's indictment, the diminishing support for the war and the growing (and healthy) fight between fiscal conservatives and big government Republicans has enthused them like nothing since the last helo lifted off from the American embassy in Saigon. They're ready to declare conservatism over. But, like the Washington Post's reports that Rep. Mike Pence's "operation offset" was dead, they will be proven wrong if actions take the place of speeches.

A little-noticed role reversal has occurred in American politics. The MSM are performing the service that Heritage, AEI, Cato, and the Hoover Institution provide for conservatives. The media have filled the political and intellectual vacuum that left the Dems entirely bereft of ideas, able to say nothing other than "no." Today the opposition party to the Republicans is not the Dems but the mainstream media itself. They write, they speak, and the Dems follow.

Sometimes it's so obvious it's comical. Before the Roberts confirmation hearings, the CBS News website ran a column by Andrew Cohen that set forth four questions for Judge Roberts. The New York Times went CBS one better on September 12, with five questions for Roberts posed by each of five columnists. If you watched some of the hearings and compared, as I did, the questions asked by Sens. Schumer, Feinstein, Leahy and Biden from the scripts written for them by CBS and the NYT, you'd have concluded that the senators and staffers cribbed them pretty much word for word. Need more proof?

Following the president's New Orleans speech, David Brooks, the NYT's token conservative, wrote on September 18 that the rebuilding of the south would be a "Bushian laboratory," for testing school vouchers and social engineering ideas such as the "urban homesteading" proposal the president made. The next day Vichy John Kerry said in a speech that, "The plan they're designing for the Gulf Coast turns the region into a vast laboratory for right wing ideological experiments. They're already talking about private school vouchers, abandonment of environmental regulations, abolition of wage standards, subsidies for big industries..." If you want more, just look. It's all around. The MSM is busying itself developing campaign themes for the Dems to

use next year: incompetence, cronyism, and corruption.

In the UK, this is practiced openly by the Economist. In its lead editorial this week, it admits to "have all sorts of ideological disagreements with Mr. Bush." It then goes on to say that "our main problem with his administration has increasingly become incompetence." It accuses Mr. Bush of cronyism and states, as examples, both former FEMA chief Michael Brown and Defense Secretary Rumsfeld. (Confluence of incompetents with political enemies is not even clever.) It says the incompetence is evidenced by the response to Katrina, and the "shambles overseas in Iraq and Guantanamo Bay," and says Mr. Bush's opposition to an independent investigation into what went wrong on Katrina is "heinous." The Economist hyperventilates, "A thousand people have died and the tax payer faces a bill of up to \$200 billion. If those two things do not merit independent investigation, then what on earth does?" If you listen to the Economist, NPR, and the rest, the only other thing that merits independent investigation is the repeatedly disproved allegation that prisoner abuse -- at Gitmo, in Iraq and Afghanistan, and everywhere else an American soldier takes a prisoner -- is a Bush policy and a commonplace.

The drumbeat in the media about administration incompetence will be one of the Dems' campaign themes in 2006. You can hear and see the American MSM testing it on its unfocused focus group audiences. David Gregory, the absurdly biased NBC White House correspondent, rehearsed it repeatedly on Chris Matthews' show yesterday.

THERE'S ONLY ONE SOLUTION to this: leadership from the White House that takes the initiative, acts decisively, and pushes a real conservative agenda. Bypassing the media, talking directly to Americans and getting back to core conservative principles, he can provide the leadership the nation, and the conservative movement, need and deserve. The first step is the next Supreme Court nominee.

This week the president will nominate someone to replace Sandra Day O'Connor. The president should -- and I believe will -- come up with someone who is conservative to the core. The Dems, after reading the talking points they get from the NYT and CBS, will go bonkers. Presidential aspirants, such as Biden, Hillary, and Evan Bayh, and every Blue senator representing a Red State are under the most extreme pressure to accede to the demands of the hyperlibs. The presidential wannabes know they can't vote for any nominee or even fail to join in a filibuster against anyone with a drop of conservative blood in their veins and still have any prayer of being nominated by the MSM Party. Those who want to hold onto their current jobs know their political futures ride on how the home folks feel about social issues.

The president knows he has an opportunity to reshape the court for years or decades to come. That is why he should discriminate among the candidates on one principal basis: age. Chief Justice Roberts is a young 50. Clarence Thomas is not all that much older. Antonin Scalia, though older, is in very good health. If another young

conservative can be added to the court, the Roberts Court could coalesce around the fourth. A conservative court will produce results that solidify the conservative base like nothing else can.

CHARGES OF INCOMPETENCE AND CRONYISM stuck to FEMA's famously unqualified Michael Brown, who managed to look bad even in comparison to Kathleen Blanco and Ray Nagin. You'd think -- incorrectly -- that a lesson had been learned. Even Republican senators are questioning the nomination of Julie Myers -- whose only law enforcement experience is two years as a federal prosecutor -- to head the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency. ICE, second only to the FBI, is the biggest federal law enforcement agency. Ms. Myers may well be a rising star (she does, after all, come from the best of stock: she's the niece of retired Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Richard Myers) but she ain't the kind of gunfight-winning border protection expert for that job. Dubya can put the cronyism and incompetence charge to rest if, from this moment on, he insists that his administration be comprised only of hard cases that can win the war and achieve conservative domestic goals. Every nomination should be announced with a parade of credentials. Not just a good resume, but hard-won experience is the key criterion.

Last, and certainly not least, the president needs to take two steps to take the debate on Iraq back from the media. First, let's get back to prosecuting the war. If you saw Meet the Press yesterday, you saw former Clinton adviser Cong. Rahm Emanuel duck the war issue. Emanuel implied that we should withdraw from Iraq if the Iraqis don't do better, quickly, we should withdraw. When Tim Russert asked specifically if Emanuel was saying we should withdraw from Iraq, he refused to answer. The Dems have no war policy other than withdrawal and surrender. Actions and results, not speeches, are what will win the real war as well as the one with the MSM party.

Second, Karen Hughes -- the president's ambassador for public diplomacy -- is targeting the wrong adversary in trying to improve our "image" in the Middle East. She should focus her effort not on the Arab governments but the Arab media. Last week, the Egyptian government daily, Al-Ahram, published a column by one Mustafa Sami, who -- plagiarizing Dick Durbin's talking points -- said Gitmo was like the Nazi death camps. He wrote: "During the past four years, 10% of the Guantanamo prisoners have committed suicide, which is the highest suicide rate among prisoners anywhere in the world!" Ms. Hughes should blast Al-Ahram with the facts. No detainee -- as in zero, zip, zilch -- has died in custody at Gitmo. According to the Pentagon, 22 detainees have made 35 suicide attempts at Gitmo since 2002, and all have been saved from themselves.

The MSM Party was weakened last year not just by Gunga Dan's forged memos, but also in every instance its political agenda was laid bare. The MSM is facing a political reckoning it has never faced before. Conservative leaders who recognize the role reversal between the media and the Dems can help bring this about. Let's get on with it.

TAS contributing editor Jed Babbin is the author of *Inside the Asylum: Why the UN and Old Europe Are Worse Than You Think* (Regnery, 2004).

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The Pentagon, Room 4A12A

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From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA [allison.barber@**(b)(6)**]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2005 7:09 PM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: [U] RE: Senior Retired Military Analysts

hi there

looks like the folks in iraq changed their minds and now want us to come out later. seems like we would want the analysts there before the elections. do you want to weigh in on this???? we would probably need casey or abazaid to bless this.

thanks
ab

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

From: **(b)(6)** COL MNF-I SCJS
[mailto:**(b)(6)**]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2005 7:01 PM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: **(b)(6)** LTC MNF-I SCJS VOB Director of the Visitor Operati; Alston C Donald BG MNFI SRATEFF COMMS DIV Chief
Subject: [U] RE: Senior Retired Military Analysts

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Ms Barber,

Thank you for the note. I apologize for the delay, but we had to look at many aspects of our ability to host this visit. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate the visit on 7-9 October and ask that they reschedule for a date as soon after 23 October as possible. MNF-I believes that it is imperative to get these analysts to see Coalition Forces and Iraqi Security Forces in the field, but the timing conflicts directly with our focus on referendum security preparation and associated resource constraints. We support the purpose and intent of the visit and look forward to working the agenda for the later dates.

We look forward to working this visit after 23 October.

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

From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA [mailto:allison.barber@**(b)(6)**]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2005 2:48 AM
To: **(b)(6)** COL MNF-I SCJS
Cc: **(b)(6)**; **(b)(6)** LTC MNF-I SCJS VOB Director of the Visitor Operati; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject:

Hello Colonel,

I understand LTC **(b)(6)** has been working with my staff to coordinate an OSD delegation of our most senior retired military analysts to your AOR in early October to offer this active group of television, radio and print media analysts with a first hand update on the progress being made in Iraq during the lead up to the October 15 election. OSD's goal is to have these folks back in the US during the days immediately prior to the election to gain maximum visibility for their visit during the heightened media attention surrounding the election.

I know that Dallas Lawrence has been in regular contact with your staff in laying out this trip request on behalf of OSD. We had originally hoped to receive country clearance by last Friday, as we are asking a very senior group of analysts to hold a week on their schedule without confirmation. I understand this suspense date has since slipped until today and that you plan to brief BG Lynch on the proposal this evening.

Please let me know what information, if any, I can help provide to secure clearance approval as soon as possible.

Our immediate concern is with making the travel arrangements which require the country approval-- the commercial flights are very difficult to get into Kuwait. Based on the previous trip with our analysts during the days leading up to the January elections last year, we know that this delegation will afford the military leadership in Iraq an unparalleled opportunity to update folks who will likely conduct hundreds of follow on media interviews in the next few weeks with specific, and detailed stories of success that are not currently breaking through to the media. Our current trip manifest includes analysts for NBC, MSNBC, Fox News, CNN and CBS TV and CBS Radio.

I appreciate your help in processing this request.

Allison Barber

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs

OSD Trip Manifest:

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Dallas Lawrence, Director of OSD Community Relations and Public Liaison

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From: JedBabbin@(b)(6)
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2005 12:50 PM
To: tmcinerney@(b)(6); paulvalley@(b)(6); nashct@(b)(6); Glenstrae77
@NYA; BURM41516@(b)(6); (b)(6); CIV, OASD-PA; WSSInter@(b)(6);
roberthscases@(b)(6); (b)(6)
Subject: Interesting world view

This is worth tracking to see how it plays on the media battlefield.

[Aljazeera.Net - Arab superheroes take to the air](#)

This is not an unfair representation of the world view of too many there.

Jed Babbin

(b)(2) (Home Office)
(Home Fax)
(Mobile)

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From: JedBabbin@(b)(6)
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2005 9:01 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: SECDEF China interview

Eric: In light of the success of yesterday's interviews, and the concerns you mentioned when we chatted briefly, I'd like to re-focus my prospective interview with SECDEF on the aspects of what he learns on the trip to China.

If I can go on the trip, that would still be the ideal from my standpoint. If I'm not chosen to go, I'd like to meet with him a few days after his return and talk about where he sees the path ahead, and how what he learned in China affected his views.

Let's talk soon. I'm eager to determine schedules. My manuscript is due in November, but can surely be delayed a few weeks if needed to incorporate Mr. Rumsfeld's comments. Many thanks. Best, Jed.

Jed Babbin

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

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2005 1:06 PM
To: (b)(6) CWGT SAT; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE:

they will have us flag ship carrier waiver on their orders.

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

From: (b)(6) CWGT SAT [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2005 12:54 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE:
Importance: High

Dallas,

A foreign carrier is not authorized out of the U.S. so we can't book BA....checking for a U.S. carrier out of U.S.

(b)(6)

From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA [mailto:Dallas.Lawrence@(b)(6)]
Sent: Thu 9/22/2005 11:08 AM
To: (b)(6) CWGT SAT
Subject:

Here is our list! Thanks so much., these folks will be issued ITOs with the waiver for non contract and non us flag carrier. For the two osd staff, please make arrangements for business class.

We are looking to have all connect into london onto british airways flight number 157 departing at 10pm into Kuwait on October 5 (it arrives the next morning at 550 am). I have noted, just for your records, after each name the state they will be coming from, but for our purposes now, lets just hold a block for all 14 on the london to kuwait flight. All will be returning from Kuwait on October 10 on BA flight number 156 departing kuwait at 8:00 am on Monday, October 10. So i suppose we could book those 14 as well.

We can probably also, for ease, reserve the total flight itinerary for all coming from DC (9 total). Their itinerary is pretty solid and it looks like this:

Depart IAD, WED October 5, BA Flight 224 for London
Depart LHR for KWI, WED October 5, BA Flight 157

Depart KWI for LHR, MON, October 10, BA flight 156
Depart LHR for IAD, MON October 10, BA flight 293

thanks!

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AL

Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu (USA, Retired)

NY

Colonel John Garrett (USMC, Retired)

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Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer (USA, Retired)

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DC

Major General Don Shepard (USAF, Retired)

AZ

Mr. Wayne Simmons (USN, CIA, Retired)

DC

OSD Staff with blanket orders to fly with waiver for business class:

Eric Ruff, Special Assistant to the DEPSEC

DC

Dallas Lawrence, Director of Community Relations and Public Liaison

DC

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2005 5:03 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE:

(b)(6) showed me on their web site that you can email questions about the Pentagon to him.
Hilarious.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2005 4:48 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject:

Dallas, per our conversation.

Ken Robinson's name seems familiar to me...

Phil - assume you saw in this morning's early bird.

T minus 4 and counting. Fire up the popcorn.

Best part:

Q: Has the Pentagon cooperated in any way?

A: We're not making a commercial for the Pentagon. We're making a drama for NBC. The Pentagon has no editorial say. We don't talk to them. They don't talk to us.

Atlanta Journal-Constitution
September 20, 2005
Pg. 3E

Expert Lends Cred To 'E-Ring'

By Rodney Ho

Benjamin Bratt may be the man in front of the camera in NBC's new Pentagon drama "E-Ring," but the man behind the show is former military officer and CNN analyst Ken Robinson.

Robinson, a burly man with gentle eyes, said Bratt's irreverent character, Jim "J.T." Tisnewski, is not a stand-in for him: "It's really an amalgam of young officers I've known over the years."

Nonetheless, Robinson's experience colors the entire show, which focuses on Bratt's brash U.S. Army Major in the Green Berets. Robinson served 20 years in a variety of military roles and took part in clandestine military operations for the Defense Intelligence Agency and the CIA. He helped extract spies and track down enemies all over the world and spent several stints at the Pentagon.

After retirement, he developed terrorism exercises for the federal government. In 1999, he asked CNN to participate in one them. The network declined, but later hired him to be a national security and terrorism

consultant. Robinson soon became a regular presence, providing an insider's view on the Iraqi war and terrorism issues. He also traveled with news crews to Iraq and Afghanistan.

But Hollywood beckoned. Last year, he left CNN to create "E-Ring," named after the outer ring of the Pentagon where the big shots make the big decisions. His partner is uber-producer Jerry Bruckheimer ("CSI," "Without a Trace," "Amazing Race"), and his show debuts Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the cushy spot between Martha Stewart's highly anticipated "Apprentice" and Bratt's old show, "Law & Order."

Robinson talked to the AJC last week about blending fact and fiction:

Q: How did you come up with the idea for "E-Ring"?

A: I was flying a lot to and from Afghanistan and Iraq for CNN. Those are long flights. I was kind of thinking through what would be an effective way to tell the story to the American people about how nations go to war and why. It's complex. There's no black and white. It's a sea of gray. I wanted to show the chain of command and the way missions are thought out and argued and debated within the building.

Q: "E-Ring" reminds me of "ER" in that some of the dialogue is packed with inside jargon.

A: When we pitched this, we said we would not dumb it down. We're talking in the lexicon of a military professional doing his job. We want to give people that feeling that they're really there.

Q: But sometimes, the dialogue seems really casual, too.

A: America has this stereotype that these people are robots and everyone shouts "Sir!" and stands at attention. That's not how it works. These people have hearts. They bleed. They laugh. The only difference is the stakes are higher.

Q: There are military customs.

A: That dynamic is there. But the Pentagon is a no-salute zone. A private can go by a four-star general and not salute. There are so many officers around, privates' arms would be broken if they had to constantly salute.

Q: Does the interior on the show look anything like the real thing?

A: Yes. It looks pretty boring. Big sweeping hallways in the A-Ring and the E-Ring. They were built to scale.

Q: Have your buddies at the Pentagon who have seen the "E-Ring" pilot in advance been offended or flattered?

A: I'd say neither. They thought we were fair and we showed a level of detail typical of a Bruckheimer show.

Q: Has the Pentagon cooperated in any way?

A: We're not making a commercial for the Pentagon. We're making a drama for NBC. The Pentagon has no editorial say. We don't talk to them. They don't talk to us.

Q: In the revised pilot, Benjamin Bratt loses the wife and gets a girlfriend who works at the CIA instead. Is the way the two of them trade information realistic or just a TV device?

A: In terms of relationships in D.C., it's an incestuous place where people marry among agencies all the time. People come home and pillow talk. The girlfriend has the same level of clearance as Bratt's character. Each is just seeking guidance from the other.

Q: And why Dennis Hopper as Bratt's boss?

A: He's a very accomplished method actor, very well read and politically astute. He required very little education. His father had been in the OSS, the precursor to the CIA. So he came with an awareness about the military.

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2005 4:36 PM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA;
(b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: WMET's "The Brookes Report" launches this Sunday at 2pm

one of our military analysts now has his own radio show on sunday afternoons.... fyi.
thanks

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From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2005 2:52 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: WMET's "The (b)(6) launches this Sunday at 2pm

Starting this Sunday, September 18th, at 2 pm, I'll begin hosting The Brookes Report on Washington's Talk Radio WMET 1160.

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2005 3:44 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) SFC, OASD-PA

Eric,

Here are our proposed travel dates to Iraq, these may shift one day to the right depending on CENTCOM:

Depart CONUS Thursday, October 5
Arrives Kuwait airport Friday, October 6 Depart Kuwait for Baghdad, Iraq, Friday October 7
All day briefings, site visits, Iraq, Saturday, October 8, Depart Iraq for Kuwait, Sunday, October 9, depending on arrival time, head to airport or RON.
Depart Kuwait for CONUS, Monday, October 10 Arrive CONUS NO LATER THAN Monday evening, October 10

Here is our final list of attendees. This may shift a bit, however each of these folks has committed in theory to the outlines travel dates. OSD PA will issue invitation funded travel order to pay the commercial air fare for these individuals to Kuwait, mil air from there. WHS legal has approved the use of funds for this type of travel as it serves a legitimate PA mission.

CONFIRMED INVITE LIST

General Montgomery Meigs (USA, Retired)
General William L. Nash (USA, Retired)
Major General Robert H. Scales, Jr. (USA, Retired)
Major General Don Shepard (USAF, Retired)
Captain Chuck Nash (USN, Retired)
Colonel Ken Allard (USA, Retired)
Colonel John Garrett (USMC, Retired)
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Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu (USA, Retired)
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Mr. Wayne Simmons (USN, CIA, Retired)
Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer (USA, Retired)

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Dallas Lawrence, Director of Community Relations and Public Liaison

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From: (b)(6) CSM (Ret) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2005 1:59 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Possible Iraq trip

Dallas, understand both points. If invited, I would certainly be honored to attend. Thanks for looking out for me!
V/r

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From: (b)(6) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2005 1:19 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Possible Iraq trip

Just cleared my calendar for those days. I'm good to go.

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA [mailto:Dallas.Lawrence@(b)(6)]
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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2005 8:20 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Mil Analysts visit g

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2005 7:28 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Mil Analysts visit g

Please look the cnn folks up. Mcinerney is cnn, I believe. Also, which nash? Thanks.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA <(b)(6)>
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@(b)(6)>
Sent: Tue Sep 20 21:54:47 2005
Subject: Re: Mil Analysts visit g

Fox is (b)(6), nash, vallyely.... Cnn? I don't know off the top of my head...

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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@(b)(6)>
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tue Sep 20 19:42:00 2005
Subject: Re: Mil Analysts visit g

Who are the primary analysts for fox. And cnn? Thanks.

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA <(b)(6)>
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@(b)(6)>
Sent: Tue Sep 20 16:37:18 2005
Subject: Fw: Mil Analysts visit g

Just got this from gitmo....

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From: (b)(6) LTC (L) <(b)(6)>
To: (b)(6) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tue Sep 20 14:10:13 2005
Subject: Mil Analysts visit

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Just cleared the date we discussed with the CoS. There is a slightly greater than normal chance we may need to reschedule due to operations, but for now it's a good date.

V/R

(b)(6)
LTC, FA
Director, JTF-GTMO Joint Visitors Bureau
DSN: (b)(2) CELL: (b)(2)
COMM: (b)(2)

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From: (b)(6) LTC (b)(6) (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2005 7:59 AM
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Theater and Country Clearance

Who is the lead traveler?

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA [mailto:Dallas.Lawrence@ (b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2005 11:10 AM
To: (b)(6) LTC (b)(6) (USA)
Subject: RE: Theater and Country Clearance

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I was hoping for an update on our country clearance message for an osd military analyst trip to iraq around the 7th of October. can you help me find out where this is and how i can shake out an approval by cob tomorrow? thanks!

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

From: (b)(6) LTC (b)(6) (USA) [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2005 11:23 AM
To: 'dallas.lawrence@ (b)(6)'
Subject: Theater and Country Clearance

Mr. Lawrence - Per our conversation this morning, the following is the information for preparing your request for theater and country clearance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Attached please find our Sample document to help you format your request for Country and Theater clearance. Save the document on your computer, follow the instructions in "red", delete the countries and other data that doesn't apply, enter the names and info of all travelers, a clear itinerary and well-defined purpose. Next, release the message via DMS or AMHS so that the US Embassies receive your request for Country Clearance. If you are short on time, you can email the message to us at (b)(6) so that we can process the theater clearance. Specific country information can be found on the Foreign Clearance Guide web site at www.fcg.pentagon.mil

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V/R,

LTC (b)(6)

Director, Theater Travel Coordination Cell

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2005 4:23 PM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/AFRTS-D; (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/NEWS; (b)(6)
CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE:

the link went live this afternoon and an email was sent to all civilian and retired military analysts / think tankers inviting them to watch the briefing.

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

From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2005 2:06 PM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/AFRTS-D; (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/NEWS; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Re:

We will have the link to the briefing on the pentagon channel sent out to all of our groups. It is much faster and cost effective--compared to burning dvds like last week.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA <larry.dirita@(b)(6)>
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@(b)(6)>; Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA <Allison.Barber@(b)(6)>; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA <Bryan.Whitman@(b)(6)>
Sent: Tue Sep 20 14:03:37 2005
Subject:

Let's be sure to really get the rumsfeld / myers brief around as we did with the two colonels last week. Can we do a video link email to the hill, colimnists, etc? Also, let's get the as delivered print version out on our lists today. We'll need to work hard to penetrate hurricane news.

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From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2005 6:26 AM
To: (b)(6); COL MNFI STRATEFF COMMS DIV; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6); LTC, OASD-PA; (b)(6); 'CPIC Director'; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: [U] RE: Radio Referrals

thanks -- thanks great

From: (b)(6); COL MNFI STRATEFF COMMS DIV [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2005 5:58 AM
To: Bryan Whitman
Cc: (b)(6); LTC OASD-PA; (b)(6); CPIC Director
Subject: [U] RE: Radio Referrals

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Mr Whitman – BG Alston can do these. Can't do it today for the Ned Babbin opportunity. It will have to be Friday. If that o.k. If so, we'll get in touch with both shows and schedule them. v/r Dewey

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From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA [mailto:Bryan.Whitman@ (b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2005 8:43 PM
To: (b)(6); LTC, OASD-PA; (b)(6); COL MNFI STRATEFF COMMS DIV
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); CAPT, OASD-PA; (b)(6)
(b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Radio Referrals

I will need to find other guests if you are unable to do these, so please get back to us as soon as possible.

From: (b)(6); LTC, OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2005 11:06 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Maj (b)(6) (E-mail); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6) CAPT, OASD-PA;
(b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Radio Referrals

Sir,

On the call this morning Mr. Whitman mentioned he had a couple of radio opportunities to pass to MNF-I for

consideration. The first is with the Mark Larson Show in San Diego, News Radio 6000AM KOGO. Larson is traveling this week with Gen. Abizaid, and Jed Babbin is filling in on Tuesday and Friday of this week. The show airs 3-6 pm EDT, and any involvement could be taped. Contact info is at <http://www.marklarson.com/> .

Jed Babbin is one of the analysts we routinely include in our discussions, and normally writes for National Review and National Review Online.

The other is the J.D. Balart show on WMET, Washington, D.C., 1160 AM. He broadcasts 12-12 pm EDT daily, and contact information can be found at <http://wmet1160.com/artman/publish/jdbalart.shtml>. Believe this could be taped as well.

Mr. Whitman indicated that anyone from MG Lynch level and below would be appropriate for these opportunities. Friendly venues for the most part.

v/r

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Subject: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Casey military analyst transcript from Friday
Attachments: 09-16-05 Casey.doc

(b)(6) here's the transcript of the military analyst conference call with Gen. Casey on Friday, Sept. 16.

Cc for others who might find this useful.

As you know, the call was on the record.

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09-16-05
Casey.doc (46 KB)

Transcript

Gen. George W. Casey Jr., commanding general, Multi-National Force – Iraq,
conference call with military analysts

Location: Gen. Casey in Iraq

Hosts: OSD-PA Dallas Lawrence, (b)(6)

Friday, Sept. 16, 2005

Transcriber: (b)(6)

ON THE RECORD

Lawrence: Good afternoon, folks. Again, this is Dallas Lawrence at the Pentagon. Thank you so much for joining us today. We have – we are honored to have Gen. George Casey calling in from Iraq, commander of U.S. forces. The general has agreed to speak on the record for this call, unless otherwise noted if he decides to step off the record for a particular question.

At this point, general, I would like to turn it over to you if you would like to make an opening statement, sir, or give an update, and then open for questions. Sir, the show is yours.

Casey: OK. Great. Can you hear me OK?

Voice: Yes.

Casey: You can. OK, good. Let me just say a couple minutes about what we have going on here. Basically we are wrapping up what has been an extremely successful tactical operation out in Tal Afar. It's not over yet. They have a few more days of cleaning up to do. But we've really met our objectives already. And as I said, extremely successful tactical operation.

But let me try to put it in context for you a little bit. Since April we have been working to restore Iraqi control to that Syrian border. And we're moving – adjusting combat power, partnering with Iraqi Security Forces, and basically setting the conditions so that before the elections the Iraqis are able to exercise some level of control over that Syrian border, which I think most of you know has been very, very porous, and it is the primary means for the foreign fighters and suicide bombers to infiltrate into Iraq.

As I said, there has been a concerted effort. We put another brigade up in that area. You may be familiar with the fact that Mosul was an economy-of-force area for some time. Had difficulties there last fall. And this spring we put another brigade up there so instead of just having one brigade in the whole north - northwestern Iraq and the Ninevah province, we had two.

The other piece of this is those two brigades are partnering with two Iraqi divisions. And also this spring the Third Iraqi Army Division, which is stationed in that area, they completed their training and deployed operationally into towns along the border. They

have been working together – the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and the Third Iraqi Army Division -- with the local border guard forces to restore Iraqi control around the Tal Afar area.

Tal Afar is one of two major transit zones for foreign fighters coming into Iraq. It's the northernmost. The other one is down the Euphrates Valley, and I'll talk a little bit about that at the end.

This brigade and this Iraqi division have been working for two months on the plan to finally restore Iraqi control to Tal Afar. A series of planning exercises, rehearsals-- it was quite impressive.

And I'll tell you, I just – we brought the prime minister up there on Monday. In Iraq we've made progress little steps at a time. We just make a lot of them, and we're pretty relentless about it. You don't often get the chance to see what happens at the culmination of all those little steps.

As I was sitting here off to the side as the chief of staff of the Iraqi division was briefing his prime minister, who was sitting next to the division commander and surrounded by the division staff, about a three brigade operation into Tal Afar, and doing a very credible job about it, I thought to myself, 'This is amazing.' A year ago, this division didn't even exist.

So, the operation began about the 10th of September. And this was a specific operation into the center of town. They worked – they worked together very closely here to reduce the other areas of the town. And right – the heart of this sanctuary area they had in the center of Tal Afar was about a 600 by 800 meter section of the old city. And they were prepared for (inaudible), buildings rigged for demolition, it looked like a pretty tough fight.

But as they shaped the battle, it appears they surprised some of them, and had a great effect on them prior to the start of the assault into the (inaudible) area. As a result, and as a result of folks not standing and fighting, casualties were very low.

I think you've seen the results. We've probably killed or captured about 500 people as a result of the operation. We think that's probably 75 to 80 percent of what we thought was in there.

The other piece about – of this that sometimes gets lost is the Iraqi government was very much involved in setting the conditions for this success. They were the ones that went to Tal Afar and brokered an agreement with all of the sheiks – Shi'a, Sunni, Turkomen – all of the different groups, and over a period of time got a statement from the sheiks, signed by all of them saying we've had enough, we ask the military to come in and clean the terrorists and foreign fighters out of Tal Afar.

As you can imagine, that had a huge impact on what we had to deal with respect to the population of the city. It also (worked?) the humanitarian assistance. Set up the camps, moved humanitarian supplies around. There was not a humanitarian crisis by any stretch of the imagination (inaudible, audio problems) 20,000 people left the area with most going to stay with friends and relatives in the vicinity and some actually in a small tent city. (inaudible). The Iraqi government also put out \$50 million for compensation and reconstruction ... (inaudible)

Lawrence: Folks, if I could ask everyone to please put their phones on mute, so we could hear the general clearly. For those on cell phones outside, if you could please put your phone on mute. Thank you. Sorry general.

Casey: OK. I'll skip, I think you've got the tactical data, but let me just – what do they have to do now to make this a lasting success? With us and the Iraqi government working together the troops will continue to disarm the neighborhoods and clear the city and the Iraqi government is working on the political reconciliation to keep all the sheiks together to reconstitute the local government, to reconstitute the police force (inaudible)...to begin reconstruction all throughout the town. All this is focused on giving the people Tal Afar the opportunity to participate in the 15 October referendum and the January elections.

So let me stop there. I'd just say again, this is one part of an overall campaign to restore the Iraqi control to the border. The other part is going to take place here over the next month or so here along the Euphrates River Valley which is the second major transit zone. Obviously what we're looking to do is stop the flow of foreign fighters and suicide bombers into Iraq down their two major routes.

I think I will stop there and take your questions.

Voice: Questions?

Maginnis: Yeah, general, Bob Maginnis. Question on Syrians. Clearly with the success in the north and now the emphasis on the Euphrates Valley, are the Syrians cooperating any more than they have in the last couple of months?

Casey: I don't see it. And I hear – you know, there's intel reports that we get that say they are picking up foreign fighters in, you know, in transit. But I have seen no travel restrictions on picking people up at the airport in Damascus, and while I have heard rumors about more forces on the border we certainly haven't seen any noticeable action there along the border that would indicate they are getting really serious about this.

Lawrence: Any more questions for the general?

Babbin: General, Jed Babbin. Can you tell us about that second area of concern where the bad guys are coming in and out? Also, I don't know if you would find it of use, but it might be helpful to you guys if a couple of us got over there before 15 October, took a look around? What do you think?

Casey: Push that with Larry. We are always happy to have folks come over and run you around. You know, when you get out there to these divisions and talk to these brigade and battalion commanders, some of them you have just seen on TV, you really get a sense of what they are accomplishing.

And I must say, I just came back from a week's leave a few weeks ago. And you get a much different picture about what's going on here than you get from on the ground here.

The other corridor – Euphrates Valley. We've already begun some operations out in that area. But as we've watched it, they're taking advantage of an area out there where it's very difficult for the Iraqis to get border guards in and to sustain them and everything. And it's right around – it's right on the Euphrates River. And they had been coming north of the Euphrates River and then crossing over, and we basically built another base out there and taken over control of the major bridge across the Euphrates out west, and destroyed the other two. So now if you want to get across the Euphrates River out west from the north you have to walk. And we'll be doing operations out there to continue to mop that area up and put Iraqi security forces out there and build a base for them so that they can continue to operate that.

South of the Euphrates River is still a challenge, and we'll work our way through that. I don't want to -- it's future ops, so I don't want to give much more than that. But what you see happening is they come across and they go down through a series of towns to a place called Haditha, which is where the big dam is, and from there they either go north into Ba'ji (?) which is right in the center of Sunni Triangle, or south into Baghdad. And I suspect we'll control that note here before too long. Like I said, our main focus here is to put the Iraqis back on that border to allow them to reestablish control and to disrupt and stop the flow of foreign fighters and suicide bombers into Baghdad.

We've been working this for a bit. And just so you know, the number of suicide bombers has gone down five months in a row; the number of car bombs has gone down four months in a row – actually it's about half – last month it was about half of what it was – both of those about half of what they were in April when there was a big spike.

And obviously, we had a big – we had a spike yesterday – about 14 of them – I'm sorry, day before yesterday – about 14 of them around the country; we had I think four yesterday and one today. So, they don't appear to be able to sustain the rates that they were sustaining in the April-May timeframe.

But it's been a tough fight. I mean, these guys, we've been saying all along these guys are going to contest the political process. Zarqawi declared war on the political process (inaudible – then he?) the other day declared war on the Shi'a. And I think we're going to find that that bomb attack on the laborers on the 14th and the declaration of war against the Shi'a may have been a huge mistake on Zarqawi's part. And we're watching that very closely. The Iraqis are speaking out very strongly against those attacks and calling for unity.

Nardotti: General, this is Mike Nardotti. You mentioned the estimates on the number of enemy killed. Can you say whether you're taking many captives in any numbers? And can you say basically what you're doing with them – are they being turned over to the Iraqis? Are you keeping them in custody? Any moving any of them out of the country?

Casey: No. We uh – I think about of that I said 500, around 150 are estimated killed and the rest are detainees, and they're all being processed as you normally process the folks – interrogate them, and they'll be moved into our detention system here. Some of them may – will be screened locally and they're examining whether they want to work a small amnesty program there with the local sheiks with some guarantees that they'll keep these guys under control. But most of the folks will be processed into our system.

Voice: Just a follow up. When you have operations with this kind of degree of success, do you see anything in the way of defections from the foreign fighters in any numbers, following the success?

Casey: No, we haven't yet. And what these guys – foreign fighters, you know, they are a relatively small component number wise of this group. I mean, I think, probably less – we estimated about less than 20 percent of the people we – the bad guys that were in Tal Afar were foreign fighters. But they're in charge – they're the cancer at the center of this thing. And they either, they either fight and die, or they run away to fight another day. And some of these guys probably did slip away. We picked up about 13 leaders – not all of them foreign fighters – that had slipped out and were in other towns around there, so they had a cordon around it and they've been policing these guys up.

But I don't – so far we have not seen defections by the foreign fighters, and I don't expect that we'll see that. What we do see is this large mass, and if I could just briefly describe the insurgency for you. On the one end you have Saddamists and that's a relatively small group. On the other end you have the foreign fighters and the Iraqis that are supporting them – the Islamic extremists. Those guys are the – the second group are the biggest threat to us. In the center, you have this large group of disaffected Iraqis, most of them Sunni. And those are the folks that we can influence through the political process and those are the folks that (tape skips) some of them will provide information, most of them will just stop fighting and go home after they get dissatisfied with the political process and the prospects for economic development.

Babbin: General, Jed Babbin again. Can you give us a status of what our old friend Muqtada al Sadr and his bunch are doing? If Zarqawi is trying to stir people up, you know, what happens if they knock off a couple of prominent Shi'a clergy?

Casey: Yes. And there is no doubt that he will try. Muqtada Sadr has been sticking with the political process. And he can, he's got – we think maybe over 3,000 folks that he can put on the street in about 24 hours all around the country. And that threat always exists. But he appears to be quite committed to the political process. The last little flare up he had wasn't with us, it was between the (seery? (ph) folks and then down in Najaf toward

the end of August. And then he and Hakim(sp) (inaudible) al Hakim got together quickly and sorted out and they clamped down on them. He is someone we just have to watch all the time. Right now, he's achieving his aims through the political process, and that's a good thing for us.

Babbin: Thank you.

Greer: Hey sir, Steve Greer. Hey, you mentioned the meeting between the Iraqi government and the sheiks in the Tal Afar region before we actually went in. Has there been any instances of similar activity between the government and other sheiks in other regions?

Casey: Uh, yeah. Both governments – both the Allawi government and this government - is in fairly constant interaction with the sheiks. In this government it's particularly the minister of defense is particularly active. As many of you know, he's a Sunni. He's from the Anbar area, and he meets with the sheiks constantly. And we're – what's really interesting to me (now?) having watched the last election and watching this political process here is the Sunnis are not going to be denied participation in the political process this year. I should say not deny themselves. And they are coming forward, and through the minister we are starting to get much better interaction with the sheiks and the tribes out in the Anbar area, which is going to be important to us as we work the Euphrates Valley. But they interact with these folks all the time.

Maginnis: Sir, Bob Maginnis again. With regard to Iran, we've heard in the last couple months about some weapons coming in from Iran that looked as if they were fairly sophisticated in terms of machine shop type of things. Has there been a change in any of the flow in terms of weapons, and support, intelligence operations in Iraq that may have originated from Iran?

Casey: Not significantly. And what we see, or what we do find, or what we are, you know, are made aware of is relatively small. The primary support to the terrorists and foreign fighters, as I said, comes through Syria and is primarily true that via (?) Tal Afar, Mosul route through the Euphrates Valley. And Syria is where their support is coming from.

The other we do get from Iran is small numbers of transits from Afghanistan into Iraq, but not big numbers.

Franconia: General, Rick Franconia. Could you give us some words on the capabilities of the Iraqi forces right now?

Casey: Yes. They're doing – they're getting better every day. And as I said, it was quite heartening to sit there and listen to that general brief the prime minister and then see the Iraqi soldiers out working with ours. I think you probably know back in May we started a readiness reporting system on the Iraqi army that we did with our transition team that are out there with them. That has transitioned to a joint report, prepared by the Iraqi

commander and the mid-team commander that's reviewed by all the Iraqis. We have a fully capable category, and that when they are able to build completely by themselves, without any support from us. And I think you all know that's going to take a long time before the vast majority of the Iraqi army gets to that category.

We have two other categories where they – in both of these categories they are out there fighting with us every day, with their transition teams and our (Enablers?). And about 80, oh I'd say 80 percent of the units fall in those latter two categories. Eighty percent of the Iraqi units – 80-plus percent of the Iraqi units are out there operating with us every day. And they are at varying levels of readiness, and our teams are working with them daily to improve their readiness. They are on a train, fight, train, fight. So they train, go out on missions for a while, come back, do an after-action review, do some more training and take some leave and go out and go back on mission.

So, you know, it will, it will take more time, but their capabilities get better every day. We have about, I think we have about nine of those battalions actually are operating independently in their own battle space with our support still, so that's a good thing as well. It's just going to, it's just going to keep getting better over the next 18 months or so.

Lawrence: Any additional questions for the general? Any additional questions? General, thank you very much for your time today, sir.

Casey: Hey, let me just say that you'd be proud of your sons and daughters out here. They are just doing an absolutely magnificent job. And, frankly, I didn't say this, but the casualties on this operation – both Iraqi and ours – was very low, and that is a credit to the absolute professionalism of the American military. Well thank you all very much. Thanks for what you do back there.

Voices: Thank you.

Lawrence: Gentlemen, as a reminder, this call was on the record, so please feel free to use it as you see fit in the days ahead. Thanks so much for calling in today.

Voices: Thanks Dallas.

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From: JedBabbin@ (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2005 8:00 AM
To: tmcinermey@ (b)(6); paulvalley@ (b)(6); nashct@ (b)(6); Glenstrae77@ (b)(6); BURM41516@aol.com; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; WSSInter@ (b)(6); robertscales@ (b)(6); (b)(6)
Subject: Reconstruction Redux - Today's Spectator

We're going to spend enormous amounts rebuilding the south. Which means we can't let the banana republicans of Louisiana let the good times roll on a road of federal dollars.

The American Spectator

Jed Babbin

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From: (b)(6) CSM (Ret) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2005 1:36 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Conference call TODAY

Guys, super conf call...appreciate your efforts and the General's. Have a great weekend.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
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We hope you are able to participate.

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From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2005 9:48 AM
To: Smith, Dorrance, CIV, OSD; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Lynch Briefing

Trying to give it some lift to today by having Gen Casey talk to Military Analyst and to Time Magazine which is doing a "major" piece on this operation. Additionally, I will be highlighting this transcript as well as the McMaster brief with the rest of our media today -- while they are somewhat interested they are not getting the space or the bandwidth given the ongoing obsession with Hurricane Katrina.

From: Smith, Dorrance, CIV, OSD
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2005 9:40 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: Lynch Briefing

There some really good stuff in here.

Only say one soundbite of Fox last night. And one quote in the Washington Post.

LA Times did a whole piece today on Zarqawi and had nothing from this briefing.

Any ideas on how we can get this story out? << File: MG Lynch Transcript 09-15-05.JT1.doc >>

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
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Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2005 2:10 PM
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probably ought to start sending the transcripts out on a regular basis, no?

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Subject: Re: Briefings

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: Rick Francona (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2005 1:09 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6), CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: In Case You Missed It

Larry - excellent and helpful.

Rick Francona
Military Analyst, NBC/MSNBC

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From: JedBabbin@nytimes.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2005 9:12 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: China

Eric: Thanks. The interviews are in the works, under the control of a very nice navy lt. commander. I think that's under control. Just wanted to be a voice in your ear on the trip. I appreciate all your help (probably more than you know.) Best, Jed.

Jed Babbin

(b)(2) (home office)
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(b)(6)

From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2005 5:22 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Afghanistan

We may want to think about plugging him into the next afe or codel trip going in, that could at least get him into bagram. Then have him connect with col yonts, the CGs pa.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@(b)(6)>
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA <(b)(6)>; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA <Dallas.Lawrence@(b)(6)>
CC: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA <Allison.Barber@(b)(6)>
Sent: Mon Sep 12 17:18:29 2005
Subject: RE: Afghanistan

(b)(6) i think we should plug dana into centcom and try and establish a direct connection between the two. i'm certainly in favor of dana getting some assistance and if necessary please feel free to centcom p/a that we think these two days dana is looking for could be very helpful. thanks.

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2005 2:37 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Cc: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: Afghanistan

hi there.

one of our military analysts has been asking about going to afghanistan in the fall. i understand we're not offering a trip, but he'd like to go anyway on his own and then perhaps meet up with our folks over there to be shown around. is there a way we could make this happen for him??
thanks

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2005 8:24 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Afghanistan

I will be traveling to Thailand, via Europe in November. While I am flying over/thru the region, would it be possible for me to stop and visit Afghanistan at my expense (or I should say Heritage Foundations's expense), but escorted by the military there and showed around a bit? say two days?

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2005 3:15 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: American Spectator (Babbin)

http://www.spectator.org/dsp_article.asp?art_id=8728

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2005 6:05 PM
To: 'JedBabbin@(b)(6)h'
Cc: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6)
Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; (b)(6) Lt Col, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CDR,
OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY
Subject: Re: Monday: Urgent

Sure, I'll do it. Earlier in that time slot is better (I have a dinner that night that I need to attend).

(b)(6), (b)(6) pls link up with jtf-gtmo to get me the latest unclass material.

Best,

(b)(6)

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: JedBabbin@(b)(6) <JedBabbin@(b)(6)>
To: (b)(6) <(b)(6)>
CC: eric.ruff@(b)(6) <eric.ruff@(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>;
(b)(6) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Sat Sep 10 12:59:21 2005
Subject: Monday: Urgent

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Sent: Friday, September 09, 2005 10:29 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA; brian.whitman@(b)(6); (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Thanks

Guys: Many thanks for facilitating the interview I had today with Gen. Caldwell of the 82nd Airborne on the Hugh Hewitt show. It was great. Please pass this on to Capt. (b)(6) as I don't have his e-mail. More Monday, when I'll be subbing again for Hugh. I'm trying to get Jay Hood on the air to talk about the Gitmo hunger strike.
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Subject: RE: jed babbin

ok, so dallas should folo up with bryan.... got it.

(b)

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dallas lawrence sent me an email earlier this a.m. and he was going to folo up with bryan, whom i told dallas has said he'd work on getting someone for jed. not necessarily honore because he is really scrambling. thanks.

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still hasn't heard anything on his request for an interview with honore. would like to have him on the show this afternoon between 3 and 4. would you follow up with whitman, please?

thanks

(b)(6)

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
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To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Today

yes, and i know they are working it, bryan has been great, however i am about to go into 4 hours of back to back to back freedom wlak meetings and wont be able to coordinate. i was hoping someone could take the hand off (not you, just dont want to leave him hanging)

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did you talk to bryan?

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yes, and i know they are working it, bryan has been great, however i am about to go into 4 hours of back to back to back freedom wlak meetings and wont be able to coordinate. i was hoping someone could take the hand off (not you, just dont want to leave him hanging)

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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2005 12:27 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Today

did you talk to bryan?

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2005 12:25 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: Today

dont know whatb to do here....

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From: JedBabbin@[\(b\)\(6\)](mailto:JedBabbin@(b)(6)) [mailto:JedBabbin@[\(b\)\(6\)](mailto:JedBabbin@(b)(6))]
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2005 12:24 PM
To: dallas.lawrence@[\(b\)\(6\)](mailto:dallas.lawrence@(b)(6))
Subject: Today

Dallas: I'll take [\(b\)\(6\)](mailto:(b)(6)) but is there no way to get ANY of the military guys instead? I'm dying, pal.

Jed Babbin

[\(b\)\(2\)](mailto:(b)(2)) (home office)
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From: (b)(6), CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2005 12:02 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: jed babbir

still hasn't heard anything on his request for an interview with honore. would like to have him on the show this afternoon between 3 and 4. would you follow up with whitman, please?
thanks

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2005 10:44 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: ken allard on msnbc

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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
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From: Geren, Pete, CIV, OSD
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2005 6:22 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: McHale, Blum military analyst transcript

Thanks-very helpful

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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2005 7:39 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OSD
Subject: Fw: McHale, Blum military analyst transcript

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA <(b)(6)>
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Sent: Thu Sep 08 17:14:05 2005
Subject: McHale, Blum military analyst transcript

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Sept. 7, 2005 1600

Military analysts phone call

Host: Dallas Lawrence; (b)(6) OASD-PA

Briefers: Lt. Gen. Steve Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Paul McHale, assistant secretary of defense for homeland defense

Transcriber: (b)(6)

(note, conference call lasted approximately one hour)

CONFERENCE CALL WAS ON BACKGROUND. QUOTATIONS SHOULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO SENIOR DOD OFFICIALS.

Lawrence: Gentlemen, this is Dallas Lawrence calling from the Pentagon. Thanks so much for joining us today here for the conference call. We're pleased to have Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense Paul McHale with us as well as Lt. Gen. Blum of the National Guard.

They are here today to discuss, obviously, Katrina disaster relief efforts. I will turn it over to Mr. McHale. Again, as a reminder, this is on background. Any quotes should be attributed to senior DoD officials. And we have about 40 minutes for the call.

McHale: This is the first time anybody has called me a senior DoD official. Steve Blum and I are here. We are both more than willing – in fact, eager – to receive your questions, give you the best answers we can. Before we start, I want to make sure that the real (USAF Lt. Gen. Erv Rokke) Erv Rokke is out there? Erv, are you there? Do we have Erv Rokke up on the line?

Lawrence: Maybe not yet.

McHale: Oh, I am disappointed. Ladies, gentlemen, we would be happy to do what we can with your questions. Why don't you go ahead and shoot?

Q: This is Jeff McCausland. This is for General Blum, I guess. First of all, can you give us a little more insight on the return of the 256th Brigade from Iraq. I know that National Guard and your office and people in Louisiana are still going to try to make this the best possible return. It seems to me a good opportunity to share some positive things. So can you talk about that? And second of all, (the things they need?) can you talk about some of the reports that there may be an effort to try to bring the Mississippi Guard back earlier than their redeployment later on this fall?

McHale: Sir, this is Paul McHale again. And I probably got out ahead of myself. And forgive me, I have been running from one immediate requirement to the next. Can we put your question on hold for just a moment, exactly as you stated it, and can I take about three minutes of your time and give all of the folks who were up on the call a sit rep on some of the current statistics and kind of a broad overview of the con ops and then move from there, maybe three to four minutes at the most on that, and then move on to your questions immediately after that? Would that be okay with everybody on the line?

Voices: Yes, OK.

McHale: Okay, terrific. I think all of you are aware that the operational combatant command that has the responsibility here is Admiral Tim Keating's U.S. Northern Command. I think most of you are also aware that Lt. Gen. Russ Honore who normally commands 1st Army has been designated the commander of JTF-Katrina.

Russ, although his original main c.p. was up at Camp Shelby, Miss., in fact, as I am sure you've gathered by watching the cable programs upon which many of you appear, has really forward deployed himself nearly full time to the New Orleans area as well as other devastated areas along the Gulf Coast.

He is going to be, or has in fact today, moved aboard the Iwo Jima with Vice Admiral Thad Allen, who is the chief of staff of the Coast Guard and who has recently, within the last 24 hours, been designated the deputy principal federal official, the deputy PFO. Both of those fellows are going to be co-located on the Iwo Jima.

Here are the current statistics in terms of deployment. We have 66,315 active duty and National Guard personnel assigned to the response effort within the AOR. That number is further broken out into 20,895 active duty; 45,420 National Guard.

We can give you various metrics by which you would assess the meaning of those numbers, but the bottom line is that is one of the largest, most substantial, robust deployments in the history of the U.S. military.

The actual deployment, as executed, exceeded all of the written metrics that we established at the beginning of the operation. Let me just as an example – a couple of minutes ago I was looking at one of our internal sit reps for September the second if I recall correctly, and it indicated that we anticipated a force flow that would bring us to I believe it was 26,000 National Guard by yesterday. Let me double check that before you use that. But my point is we are far ahead of the flow rate that we had originally anticipated. We have today 20 U.S. Navy ships engaged in the operation; 75,000 people have been evacuated using DoD assets and personnel.

Seven thousand five hundred (7,500) patients have been evacuated by ground; an additional 2,552 medical patients have been evacuated by air. Using DoD facilities and personnel 5,512 patients have been treated.

The projected flow is that in addition to the numbers that I gave you previously, the total's 66,315. We anticipate that within the next 24 to 48 hours an additional 1,596 active duty and 5,441 National Guard forces will flow into the AOR. That will take us up over 70,000 personnel within the next 24 to 48 hours.

As I indicated, Joint Task Force Katrina's forward element is now forward located on the USS Iwo Jima in New Orleans. If you've been watching the cable programs you've seen

a coordinated effort involving police department personnel, National Guard and active duty personnel in the voluntary evacuation of the remaining citizens of New Orleans. That is, those citizens who are compliant with the mayor's direction that they leave the city.

The approach has been to this point that those citizens who do not want to leave will be allowed to do what they want to do no matter how unwise that might be for the time being. There is still a backlog – a substantial backlog of citizens who are eager to leave the city and the focus of the coordinated effort between law enforcement and military at this point is to assist those who want to leave to do so as quickly as possible.

Obviously a decision is going to have to be made. It will involve as I understand it a determination by the governor, the mayor, and the U.S. attorney for that district of Louisiana with regard to the appropriate course of action for those individuals who choose not to leave. At this point the civilian leadership in Louisiana has not yet spoken with one voice on the question of mandatory evacuation and so we have set that aside for the time being to help those who are eager to receive our help.

DoD has provided within the last 24 hours 1,500 mobile radios in order to assist the New Orleans police department in getting their comm system up and operating. That is in fact – I am not sure they'll deploy them this way – but just on a numerical basis, that's a mobile radio for nearly every police officer on the force, assuming everyone on the force were to report for duty. It's a very substantial tool in reestablishing radio communication in support of the New Orleans police department.

We also have other technical communications support that we are providing to law enforcement personnel both in Mississippi and in Louisiana.

Six installations, DoD installations, are serving as transportation and staging areas for FEMA. FEMA has ordered from us and we have either delivered or have en route 21 million MREs.

Ten Department of Health and Human Services federal medical shelters are now located on DoD installations and 89 nations have offered assistance in this response effort.

Now that's kind of a current sit rep, a summary of where we are. I guess I would summarize the meaning of those statistics by simply saying that this has been the most robust and rapid deployment of U.S. capabilities in support of civil authorities ever executed in our nation's history. The deployment that I just described to you, in terms of its current status, far exceeds both in speed and scope the assistance that was provided following Hurricane Andrew in 1992. The deployment that has now been executed far exceeded all of our projections in terms of planning or predictions at the beginning of the operation. More gear, more people, more capabilities have been moved into this area of responsibility than we anticipated at the beginning.

That obviously reflects a level of civil support that also exceeded what would have been predicted, simply because of the severity of the hurricane, and reflects, I think, very well on the men and women in uniform who made it happen.

With that as an introduction, let me come back to the question that the gentleman presented. Steve Blum has been feverishly researching his answer while I've been talking so you'll get a better answer now than you would have about five minutes ago.

Q: Excellent.

Blum: OK, let me see if I can remember the question, that's how feverishly I've been researching it.

Q: (inaudible)

Blum: You asked me what are the plans on the return of the 256th to Louisiana, then you asked me is there any plans afoot to remove the return date for the 155th out of Mississippi to an earlier return.

Q: Correct.

Blum: OK. I'm not aware of any adjustments on the 155th at this time. What might be considered is normally, as these units come out, we have requested for the 256th that they usually come tail first and then the head last, and in this case we're asking now that their mission has changed over that we readjust the flow of the unit to bring the head home earlier than normal because we (were? Would?) plan to put the headquarters right into this fight with the hurricane. There is very good reason for this and it should be very good acceptance for this both by the families and the soldiers and their civilian employers. And here's the reason. The 256th marched away, was mobilized to war, 18 months ago. It was expecting a pretty dramatic and wonderful homecoming because of the great work and the great record they had in Iraq. Now they are coming home because of Katrina. Their homecoming may be to no homes, and in many cases no jobs because the businesses that employed these citizen soldiers are no longer viable or even in some cases they don't even exist. So rather than bring soldiers back to no home and no job, which is not the kind of homecoming we wanted, we intend to keep those citizen soldiers from the 256th on active duty for an extended period and dedicate their efforts to the recovery operations for Katrina. This will give them benefits, pay and a sense of purpose, and allows them to be left under the umbrella of the Department of the Army for Operation Hope, which is an operation that is being stood up right now for all DoD forces returning into the affected region, but it allow – provide them for housing and housing stipends if they don't want to accept the government housing they'll get a stipend where they can go through their own rental agreements or purchase agreements and this will show, I think, caring compassion for the soldiers, their families, and it will (relieve?) a lot of the burden – the economic burden – on the region.

At the same time, those soldiers who do come home that have their house standing and want to return to it and have employment that's still in existence and is more beneficial for them will be allowed to be released from active duty to in fact do that.

I think it's probably the best of all worlds solution. And depending on what the situation looks like in Mississippi in a couple of months after the recovery effort we'll probably do the same thing for them but on a smaller scale because we think we'll be further along in the recovery 60 or 90 days from now than we are now.

Does that make sense to you?

Q: (inaudible) the 256th the when and the where, when you expect their headquarters to redploy and where (inaudible).

Blum: The lead elements or advance elements are already back. They're already here now and they're up at Fort Polk. They're being handled up there and Fort Polk is being prepared as one of the places that we will accommodate and receive these soldiers, particularly for housing them because it's out of the affected area.

I don't want to talk too much to the details of that because they're ongoing right now and I don't want to give you inaccurate information, but I can tell you that the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army is entirely, entirely behind and dedicated the resources and the energy to make this thing work.

The Army is -- has embraced the National Guard brigade as its own. This is like nothing that has ever existed in the history of this nation. The Army is a total Army right now. While we're providing 45,000 plus -- it's growing every moment -- National Guard forces from every state and every territory -- the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and D.C., everybody, everybody. When you called out the Guard this time you called out America. Literally, everybody, every state is contributing through a previously existing Emergency Management Assistance Compact -- it's a voluntary arrangement amongst the governors, and they're flowing forces in. Right now, they total 45,000 forces, which is over twice the size in Afghanistan -- and all that was generated in under five and a half days. Kind of remarkable. Kind of remarkable when none of it required a deployment order or the mobilization of even one soldier. So it really shows that the National Guard today -- Army and Air -- are truly the 21st century minutemen and women. I mean we have really gone back to our roots and when this nation needs it, we've shown that we can be there.

We are doing this at a time, I said, where we have 80,000 troops deployed overseas in Afghanistan and Iraq, to include two brigades that are coming from this area, right back to this area, and yet, we were able to meet every request of the governors of both of those states. We fell short on no capabilities that have been requested by us by the governors or the lead federal agency to date, and we continue to push, anticipate and lean forward on requirements that we think will be coming in the next few days.

Q: General, excuse me, Mr. McHale, can you enlighten us – you know, you’ve got a substantial number of capabilities – this is Jed Babbin from American Spectator. Can you enlighten us on what the ROE (rules of engagement) is for Lt. Gen. Honore with respect to the people who are going to remain and are refusing evacuation? Have we made it clear to the Louisiana people that we are not going to take responsibility for their health, welfare, and safety?

McHale: We have made it clear that we are not going to forcibly remove anyone using Title 10 forces, using Title 10 military personnel. In the event that there is an individual who violates what might by then be a lawful order by civilian authorities to leave the area, if that individual makes the decision not to leave, at that point the responsibility with regard to any interaction with that person will transfer to civilian law enforcement authorities, and the 82nd Airborne will disengage.

Bottom line, active duty military forces will not be involved in the forcible removal of anyone.

Q: OK. Let me follow that up though. The question really is a little bit different, forgive me. The question really is does Kathleen Blanco understand that we’re not going to be flying food and doctors in to people who are refusing to leave?

McHale: Yes. Secretary Chertoff on behalf of the federal government and as the secretary for the lead federal agency, the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA, has said on several occasions, including some in my presence, that the federal government is not going to provide that continuing assistance those that remain behind if it is determined by civilian authorities that a lawful order is to be published directing those people to move.

So if, if, if, if – the hesitation you hear in my voice is this – as of a couple of hours ago, I’m told, the mayor, who has directed the mandatory removal of the citizens has been in conference with the governor, who has disagreed with that decision. The two of them have been in conference with the United States attorney and the civilian leadership is working its way toward a legally binding decision. All we know at this point is that that decision has not yet been finalized and that while it is being made by the responsible civilian officials, there are hundreds, perhaps thousands of citizens who are eager to leave the area, and to them we’re simply offering assistance. Those who are resisting a decision to leave have been allowed to do so. And if a lawful order is given to leave and that order is -- reflects the legal authority of the state statutes of Louisiana, any citizen who violates such a lawful order will be the responsibility of civilian law enforcement and not active duty military personnel.

We are not going to use our soldiers to forcibly remove those who resist an order from the state government of Louisiana. That is a law enforcement function. Our active duty military personnel do not have the legal authority to engage in law enforcement activities. We’re offering a helping hand. It will be the responsibility of civilian law enforcement to remove those who violate a lawful order.

Q: And to support them if they decide to stay, and you guys are not going to be on the hook again --

McHale: No we are not.

Q: Kathleen Blanco makes the wrong decision.

Q: Yeah, this is Ken Allard. Did any one of you guys say hey, tell us which one of you guys wins?

Q: It ain't funny.

Q: Follow up on that though. You talked about the active duty not being involved, and obviously the police would. Where does that leave the National Guard, who are really there on the state's call up (inaudible - reporting?) to the governor?

McHale: Well, Steve Blum can talk about that in just a moment. As a matter of law it leaves the National Guard under the command and control of that governor. And so the position of the governor presumably will be reflected in the orders that she gives to her adjutant general and communicated to her National Guard forces in state status.

Those forces are exempt from Posse Comitatus. I think most of you know that. And those forces can legally engage or can lawfully engage in law enforcement activities in ways that our active duty forces cannot. And so it will be a matter of state law, and state political leadership, if the governor chooses to use her power as chief executive of the state to use her National Guard to assist the police in forcibly removing those citizens who do not wish to move.

But it is our intent, on behalf of the Department of Defense, to offer a helping hand, not to engage in law enforcement activity, and not to be involved in the forcible removal of any citizens who might violate a lawful order under Louisiana law. Steve Blum may want to comment upon that.

Blum: First let me say that that's exactly correct. But to get to what I think you're asking beneath that question, who wins between the governor and the mayor? Frankly, if the mayor wants to enforce a mandatory evacuation he's just got to get his police force up and running and do it. He doesn't need - but if he wants to use the Guard, he has to have the consent of the governor. And the governor is the only one that commands the National Guard, and the only one that can chop the Guard, so to speak, or allow the Guard to support the civilian law enforcement efforts that are going on in New Orleans.

To date she's been very generous in that. But if they are not doing an activity that she wants to support, she can withdraw that support and that's her prerogative.

Q: General, when you say the Guard -

Blum: I think the discussions are going on right now about that because when I just called down there I think that's exactly what's happening right now.

Q: General, when you say the Guard, are you talking about the Louisiana Guard only, or have some of these other 45,000 guard from around the nation chopped to a single control, or are they under Honore's control? What is the chain of command for ---

McHale: I can straighten that out.

Q: Can you make that clear in all the states there, General Blum?

McHale: This is Paul again, and I think I can answer most, if not all, of that question. Lt. Gen. Honore is obviously an officer of the United States Army, a Title 10 officer, the JTF commander, and as a subordinate commander to Admiral Keating, the combatant commander at NORTHCOM, Lt. Gen. Honore commands all of the Title 10 forces committed to this mission within the AOR.

As we discussed a little bit earlier, the National Guard forces fall under the command and control of Maj. Gen. Landreneau, who is the adjutant general of Louisiana, and a subordinate military officer under the command and control of the governor. The states that have contributed, and that's all of the states I am told at this point, to the National Guard force have done so in the vast majority of cases pursuant to the EMAC agreement among the states. There are a few minor exceptions to that, but the Guard personnel contributed to Louisiana by other states roll in under the command and control of Maj. Gen. Landreneau. And then finally, all of the states that have contributed law enforcement personnel, specifically National Guard MPs, have signed a collateral agreement pursuant to which their MPs, contributed by donor states, also fall in under Maj. Gen. Landreneau, not only for general utility purpose but specifically and expressly for purposes of law enforcement. The effect of all of those authorities when fused is to give to Lt. Gen. Honore complete command and control all Title 10 forces and to Maj. Gen. Landreneau, the TAG, complete command and control of all National Guard forces, and he may use, at the direction of Governor Blanco, those National Guard forces that have signed the collateral law enforcement agreement for purposes of law enforcement within the state of Louisiana.

Q: That's an interesting run down. I hadn't heard that before. I don't know if that's been put out in any of the news media or if there has been an effort to even mention the name Maj. Gen. Landreneau. I've never heard that before.

Q: And also, what about the forces in the other states now, Mississippi and Alabama --

McHale: If we could pause for a moment on the first observation, which is I think a fair observation. Lt. Gen. Honore has been very prominent in the media and I think has quickly become a military commander easily recognized. Russ is a superb officer, pretty colorful, pretty forceful, and quite effective.

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He makes an impression upon you, whether you see him on TV or have the privilege of meeting him in person as I have on many occasions. He has dominated and has come to capture in his person the ongoing commitment of military forces to this operation.

In fact, Maj. Gen. Landreneau currently commands a force substantially larger, just about twice the size, of the active duty force. Maj. Gen. Landreneau has, in a very professional manner, worked closely and cooperatively with Lt. Gen. Honore. We have not sensed much if any daylight between these two officers. And so the senior officer, the three star, Lt. Gen. Honore, has been able either through command or through coordination to achieve unity of effort between the Guard personnel, 45,000 of them, and the active duty force, 20,000, to ensure that their missions remain mutually reinforcing.

And it is the spirit of that cooperative relationship between Lt. Gen. Honore and Maj. Gen. Landreneau that has allowed us to go forward in a way that to date has worked pretty effectively. Let me turn to General Blum.

Blum: Again, that's absolutely correct. And for those of you that either served in the Balkans, or are familiar with the command arrangements in the Balkans, most of the multi-national division commanders in Bosnia had a Russian airborne brigade under them, that were under own separate chain of command, but they were responsive and very cooperative if the commander established the right relationships, which Russ Honore and General Landreneau in fact have done.

Benny Landreneau is the yin of personalities to Russ Honore's yang. They are totally different people. But do not mistake his quiet, gentlemanly approach to this, where Russ is a little bit more rambunctious and raucous. They are both very, very highly professional people, highly capable officers with very different styles of how they carry themselves and how they present themselves in a public way.

Benny Landreneau is effectively leading a force that is putting Humpty Dumpty back together again very, very well. And he will complement and work with Russ Honore in a superb fashion. It's not the first time these two men met. He has been the adjutant general for a long time in Louisiana. He's seen – this is not his first rodeo, so to speak. It is the biggest one he's ever seen. It's not his first; he knows what to do. And Russ Honore, being the 1st Army commander, knows General Landreneau personally and professionally for some time. This is a parallel effort, a beautiful extension of the state and federal partnership in the response and the recovery of this hurricane.

You have to remember – everybody keeps saying, who's in charge? It isn't General Honore. It isn't General Landreneau. It's not anybody in uniform. It's the governor. Whether you like her style or you like her ability it doesn't matter. She's the governor and she's in charge.

So what is the lead federal agency doing down there? In this case it's FEMA as part of the Department of Homeland Security, sent there by the president, at the request of the governor. It's a federal assistance to who's in charge – the governor. She'll be in charge

until this thing is over, and maybe she'll be in charge long after it's over, or maybe not. That's up to the people of Louisiana. But she is clearly in charge. So you have a civilian federal response going on. You have a civilian state response, county response and local response going on all in parallel, all with unity of effort. And you have a federal military response – Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines – that Russ Honore is the JTF commander of. And at the same time you have a very significant force of National Guardsmen from every state and every territory that are under the command and control of Governor Blanco through the adjutant general, General Landreneau. So if you can kind of look at it as a four-lane highway all heading in the same direction, it's not too tough to sort out. If you don't realize there are four lanes going in the same place, they're not going in divergent places, that's where the confusion is.

McHale: This is Paul again. If I can just add a bit of a clarification to what Steve said. General Blum's observation is correct in that the governor commands all state agencies and capabilities, consistent with Louisiana statutory law, to include, in the context of this discussion most especially, the Louisiana Guard, which is currently in state status, and all of the other Guard forces that pursuant to the EMAC and the collateral law enforcement agreement have rolled in under the Louisiana TAG and through the Louisiana TAG Maj. Gen. Landreneau, the chief executive of the state Governor Blanco.

The president of the United States commands all of our Title 10 forces through the secretary of defense and the combatant commander and Russ Honore and the president of the United States is in charge of all of the federal agencies that are involved in the relief effort.

When we take that constitutionally required respect for both levels of government into appropriate consideration there are authorities and responsibilities assigned to both the national government and to the state government. When that focus is on the military command relationship it is true, and so far, pretty effective, that the relationship between the federal commander, Lt. Gen. Honore, and the state commander, Maj. Gen. Landreneau, has to be based upon a mutual respect and agreed upon recognition that they have to cooperate. If, however, that cooperation were to break down – and I would emphasize to this point that it hasn't – it's worked pretty well because of the people and the nature of the responsibility that each officer carries – but if that relationship were to break down, under constitutional and statutory authority the president of the United States can invoke the insurrection act and can, as has happened – I think all of you know that -- in American history over the last 50 to 60 years – can transfer the command authority of the governor, basically extinguish that command authority of the governor, federalize the Guard, put the Guard in Title 10 status, at which point the Army Guard and the Air Guard become part of the United States Army, the United States Air Force, and absolute unity of command is achieved through the federal system of Title 10 authorities.

Any president has to consider that option. Any president has that authority, to be used under appropriate circumstances. Thus far, the cooperation between these two officers has been such that the invocation of the insurrection statute has not been necessary.

Q: OK. (inaudible) I understand the four lanes and the Iwo Jima, what have you. If you're just talking about the decisions and priorities, where is the command post, the command and control element that is in charge making the decision on what priorities – whether you go rescue, whether you go water delivery, the geographical areas to which forces are going to be deployed. Where is that all being done?

Q: I have a note to that question. What's the nature of Maj. Gen. Landreneau's command and control capacity? What's he using for staff and what's he using for comm? Does he have enough to control all of these disparate units that have arrived in his state?

Blum: Yeah, I'll answer that. With his brigade in Iraq – the 256th – he was left with ad hoc command and control. We've corrected that and we have deployed the 35th Infantry Division headquarters from the Midwestern part of the United States – the old wagon wheel 35th -- under Maj. Gen. Mason (sp). It's a seasoned, just recently returned from a deployment in the Balkans, quite effective command and control organization that has been sent to Louisiana to work for General Landreneau as to in fact give him a division headquarters on top of what he already had in place with his joint force headquarters down there.

So he has a – he now has what we think is sufficient command and control. When the brigade comes home, and that's why we want the head of it home first, you will have a battle hardened, experienced 18-month active duty brigade that will be able to roll in there and even make that better and even further improve the capabilities down there.

Q: Where are they located?

Blum: When I first visited last week General Honore was in one location, General Landreneau was in another location, the state emergency operation was in another location, the governor was in another location, and FEMA was looking for a location.

Q: (laughter)

Blum: Well, I am being honest, and when I left there –

Q: I'm sorry, on horseback or not?

Blum: No, but we understood that that was very dysfunctional. That could work if you had superb, superb communications and information technology and you had a very practiced system of sharing a common operating picture. But with limited comms, and with no comms, I was able to influence – let's put it that way – all parties to co-locate, to include the governor, all in Baton Rouge in one joint interagency operations center and that is ongoing right now and starting to work quite well.

McHale: I need to add to that a couple of facts that just have developed over the last 24 to 48 hours. What General Blum has described is correct in terms of the co-location of all these capabilities in Baton Rouge. In addition, our vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs,

Admiral Giambastiani, was recently the combatant commander down at Joint Forces Command. One of the things that he did down at Joint Forces Command was to stand up – I think I have the terminology correct, it's off the top of my head – but it's a standing Joint Force headquarters specifically designed to be deployable for command and control in these kinds of missions.

And so what we did was we -- meaning the secretary of defense did – we deployed that standing Joint Force headquarters out of Joint Forces Command to Baton Rouge to the location that Steve Blum just described, so that that headquarters supporting JTF-Katrina could be co-located with the main hub of FEMA command and control within the AOR.

So in Baton Rouge today, you would find that standing Joint Force headquarters supporting Russ Honore, co-located with FEMA, in order to ensure the day-to-day coordination of federal military and civilian activities within the AOR. But, and using terminology that most of you folks recognize, well that's the main c.p. The jump c.p. is down where the most immediate action is taking place, and that's New Orleans.

And Russ Honore has been spending most of his time down in New Orleans. I believe that's where he is right now. The Iwo Jima big deck amphibious ship pulled into the port in New Orleans I think yesterday, and within the last 24 hours General Honore has moved his forward – I am calling it his jump c.p., I don't know that he's using that terminology – he's moved his jump c.p. onto the Iwo Jima in order to remain engaged more effectively in New Orleans, particularly during the ongoing evacuation and the other operations that are the focus of his attention at this point. And in addition, within the last 24 hours, Admiral Allen, the chief of staff of the Coast Guard, who is now the deputy principal federal official, the deputy to Mike Brown, has also moved aboard the Iwo Jima.

So you have the second senior – basically the x.o. – of the civilian federal relief effort co-located at the jump c.p. with the Title 10 commander, both aboard the Iwo Jima. And I think that's about the most succinct description I can give you of -- and of the heavy duty stuff that's going on back at the main c.p. in Baton Rouge, relying on that capability coming out of Joint Forces Command, and the jump c.p. that's on the Iwo Jima in addition.

And finally, NORTHCOM I think very wisely established a standing Joint Headquarters as well. It's a 40-man cell, a 40-person cell under Maj. Gen. Punch Moulton. That standing headquarters deployed to New Orleans where it is supporting the jump c.p. of Lt. Gen. Honore.

Q: Gentlemen, Ken Allard. Look, the one thing I would say to you guys – and I think this is terrific stuff – particularly on the (C-2?). But there is nobody at the state and local level that ever understood anything at all about Goldwater Nichols. They simply have not been through what we have been through –

McHale?: Right.

Q: over the last 10 years. So what you're doing right now is you are literally writing history. And if you think it's bad right now, as you begin to start to think about reconstruction, reconstitution, at the state government level there are literally no effective mechanisms for anything beyond the state itself. There is state, there is federal, and there is very little at the regional level. And I am telling you – based on being down here – that is what the (inaudible – level?) this crisis is going down at. It's the only level at which it can be solved, and there is nothing there even remotely like that. So everything that you are inventing now – as a function of having been to the Joint schoolhouse – that is directly applicable to what these guys are doing. And I am telling you right now, from (inaudible) standpoint, don't be afraid to (teach?). And general, you know, if you need to encourage people to understand some of the basics about (C-2?) please don't be afraid to do that.

McHale: Ken, I think that is a really important observation, and I don't want to get too far outside my lane, or move too far into the unpredictable future but I think you've really just put your finger on an issue of central importance in understanding some of the challenges and some of the mistakes that were made early on in this deployment.

The concept of operations embedded in the national response plan is one that relies upon tiered capabilities being echeloned into the theater in an orderly, sequential and fairly rapid manner, where the point of the spear, quite logically, is expected to be a robust system of local first responders, where if something bad happens, whether it's a Katrina or an (RDD?) the reasonable expectation has been in the past there will be a fairly robust infrastructure of police officers and firefighters and HAZMAT personnel augmented and reinforced by state emergency management personnel, reinforced fairly quickly by the National Guard in state status, so that forces begin flowing into the site of remediation with a heavy emphasis on those who are local.

And then the expectation is that you build with state capabilities, and then beyond the state the expectation is the next level of capability will be the – I don't want to say that it's sequential, it is simultaneous but there is a certain emphasis in terms of the order of introduction of forces into the AOR – we have FEMA and the federal response coming in, with FEMA then serving as the primary trigger under the Stafford Act for the introduction of DoD forces.

So what you're looking at is maybe a seven-to-10 day movement of capabilities from the local police officer up to the 82nd Airborne and JTF civil support under NORTHCOM.

What happened in this case was that the magnitude of the event itself and certain other problems within the system of local government turned the first responders into the first victims. And then we had a lag while we attempted to move more distant capabilities in to not reinforce, but replace the state and local capabilities that were largely absent during the earlier phases of the operation.

And Ken, my judgment is what you have identified is a solution to that gap. And that is, when we deal with the anticipation of a *major* natural disaster or a *catastrophic* terrorist attack, we have to ensure the availability of first responders. We have to ensure the survivability of the first responder capability. And in my judgment, that's going to require us to define, develop and resource regional capabilities so that there is a deployable capability available to provide police and firefighting and HAZMAT capabilities before the more robust, but also the less mobile, less immediately available capabilities of the Department of Defense can come in to play.

Q: The other thing, and I don't want to make this into a tutorial, but I have seen this up close and very personal here because we are right on the edge of the affected area, but the other thing was not part of this at any level was the assumption that one of the most powerful forces that you could ever involve was the voluntary power of the average American citizen.

I will just tell you that it is a tremendously impressive and moving thing to watch. So whatever you do, it is not going to be one of those things in which we simply assume the way we do in a military operation that everything else is passive. Trust me, everything else is moving and really does want to help if they are allowed to do so.

McHale: Yeah. I would emphasize that the approach of the Department of Defense in this case has been anything but passive. We put –

Q: No. I am talking about the role of the average citizen.

McHale: No, no. I understand Ken. And I – what – this is something that those who conduct the after action review, including some of the folks in this room, and some on the other side of the Potomac over on Capitol Hill are going to have to look at, and that is, how do we, for instance, establish a regional first responder capability by drawing upon the voluntary spirit of those who live in that region?

We've got to develop a civilian surge capacity, in my judgment. And that civilian surge capacity can be used to establish a regional law enforcement capability, a regional firefighting capability, a regional HAZMAT capability, so that if a – let's say an improvised nuclear device is detonated in an American city, and there are no police officers mission capable within a 75-mile radius of the attack -- we have to have rapidly deployable capabilities I think drawn on a regional basis, perhaps from surge civilian capacity to fill that gap.

And in this case, we had a situation where the magnitude of the hurricane, combined with certain other disconnects within state and local government, produced a situation where, as a practical matter, the first responder capability did not exist. Those who were expected to respond within the first 24 to 48 hours were not available. The functions that they would normally perform were not performed.

The system began to function adequately, and then I think in some ways superbly, once the passage of time allowed for the introduction of military capabilities and certain other national civilian capabilities. But there was no base of first responder mission achievement upon which those follow-on forces could build.

And we can't allow that to happen in the future. There are terrorist attacks and in this case a natural disaster that produced a situation where the first responders became the first casualties, and therefore their missions were not effectively performed early on in the response.

Lawrence: Folks, we probably have time for two more quick questions.

Q: Let me toss a tough one. Don Shepperd. Let me toss a really tough one, please take this in the right way, Secretary McHale.

McHale: Sure.

Q: This is the first real work through of the HL – the Department of Homeland Security in a really tough scenario.

McHale: Yeah.

Q: We're learning as we go, we understand that. We understand the perceptions that have been created out there. My question is, look, what have we found that HLS has added to the fight that was not there before, or, is it simply another level of bureaucracy requiring coordination. (inaudible – in other words?) What does HLS add that was missing in the past?

Q: Good.

McHale: You know, basically I have been talking about an absence of deliverable operational capabilities at the local level. And I think it's fair to say that we did not immediately have federal civilian capabilities that were deployable to fill the gap created by the absence of first responders.

What the Department of Homeland Security, and really, the Homeland Security Act – HSPD-5 (?), and most especially the National Response Plan have brought to this effort is a means by which we can effectively coordinate the combined capabilities of all the federal agencies.

It is, you know, Ken, to come back to your comment about the spirit of the American people, it is in the character of the American people, frankly, it's within the character of the individual federal agencies, that we move to the sound of the guns.

When there is a crisis Americans move toward and not away from the battle site. That's just who we are. That's just how we react. That's both good and bad. Wonderfully admirable, but potentially very disorganized.

Q: Yup.

McHale: We saw that in the *incredibly* heroic but not well organized immediate response following 9-11. As, as – particularly first responders with unbelievable and lack of coordination moved to the sound of the guns to do what their hearts told them they had to do. And the lack of coordination cost lives.

So I would argue, as someone who tries to be dispassionate, both as a critic and a commentator, that while there are deficiencies in our National Response Plan, the Department of Homeland Security has provided an essential and effectively utilized forum for both leadership of interagency capabilities, coordination of interagency capabilities, and an integration of those capabilities so that as we move to the sound of the guns, we don't move at cross purposes.

And I know that that forum for integration of competencies to ensure that our tools are mutually reinforcing, that we fuse with unity of effort what we're trying to do, that did not exist as a national capability in any kind of effective way before the Department of Homeland Security was created and before the National Response Plan was published.

Q: Thank you.

Q: One quick – Chuck Nash again from Fox News. As we start to look at this – and the immediacy is getting food, water, people to safety, all that stuff – but are we now, do we have an active data base that says I picked up Bill LeBeaux in this helo, from this place, took him to here, dropped him off here, here's entered into the system, we have him in a database both as a disease vector (factor?), so we can vet who he is, is he taking somebody else's identity who's dead?

In other words, as we're moving these people around and they are starting to scatter out in the homes of America, are we vetting these people? Whose job is it to do that so we don't take somebody who maybe is a child molester and vet them and stick them in a house in Illinois.

McHale: That responsibility is FEMA's, and it may be that we end up in DoD serving as collectors and sources for input into that kind of database tracking system. What I can tell you is what you have recognized has been commonly recognized within the Department of Defense. We have discussed it with FEMA, and it's a matter that is well known to our commanders in the field.

It may be that General Blum knows enough to comment about how it's being implemented. I don't. Blum just waved me off (laughter). Blum just left the room (laughter). No, that part isn't true. What I would –

Q: (inaudible) guys, is there an assessment yet as to how severely damaged the port was, how badly hit the oil refineries were, and so forth, and when all that is going to be back on line? Do we have a –

McHale: The answer is a partial yes. But let me, if I may, on both those points, I would urge you to take those questions forward to those who are collecting that data, gathering the human remains, transporting the displaced citizens to get tactical detail as to how that's being done in an organized manner.

Similarly with regard to critical infrastructure assessments and the state of restoration and the course of action to bring these kinds of facilities back on line, I would encourage you to contact the Corps of Engineers, because they have at least some of those responsibilities and they're actively engaged in those assessments now.

I know, for instance, that Lt. Gen. Strock is very familiar with the ongoing effort with regard to infrastructure assessment, related port facilities. You probably want to talk to Admiral Allen, as well, the deputy PFO, because the Coast Guard's deeply involved in some of those port assessments. And I think those guys can give you a much better picture than a civilian back at the Pentagon can provide.

Lawrence: Gentlemen, we're going to have to let Mr. McHale step out. General Blum has agreed to finish – answer the second part of that question –

Blum: No, no, no. I just wanted to make a footnote to Secretary McHale's. I've got to go with him.

Lawrence: OK.

Blum: But there's something with this group that we're talking to that's important. View this not through the lens of the American public for just a minute, and view this through the lens of those that are not – their intent is not to do us goodwill, to do us harm, and please, the secretary of defense in particular is cautioning folks because we're getting reports that I can't talk about on this telephone that people are using this to assess vulnerabilities and to take advantage of this.

So when you're talking about infrastructure, and you're talking about key (nodes?) that are out, I would be a little sensitive to give very, very valuable intel, or the impression that we are so dysfunctional that we cannot deter another terrorist attack.

I want to say one thing. I've got 80,000 guys overseas in the Guard, I've got 45,000 down there right now responding to Katrina. That means I have 300,000 citizen soldiers forward deployed around this nation that are still available, and are still vigilant, and are still watching and our antennae are up and our guard is not down, and we are not distracted. We can walk and chew bubblegum and carry a newspaper, all three at the same time.

Q: That's good to hear.

McHale: Fellows, let me just add a closing note, as well. We have recognized with a sense of urgency the need to reconstitute our response capabilities. We are tracking very diligently exactly how many MREs have been provided to FEMA, what kind of gear has been pushed forward in terms of comm. support, and we are with focus and urgency reconstituting that equipment and those capabilities so that we will be fully prepared – and are fully prepared – to respond to any kind of follow-on natural disaster. There are storms forming now in the Caribbean. Or even more significantly, any possibility that terrorists would want to exploit what they could perceive to be a current vulnerability.

If I can close by this – with this. When I started, I was giving you some numbers off the top of my head. When you get to be my age that's a bad thing to do. But in fact I gave you the right numbers. I remembered a piece of paper that I now have in front of me that was an internal sit rep, it's the report that I get every day, we produce it internally each morning. And the one that I have for Sept. 2 indicated that on Sept. 2 we had 14,569 National Guard in state active duty status serving in the AOR.

We projected on that day, Sept. 2, that by Sept. 6 we would have 27,099 National Guard serving in the AOR. In fact, on Sept. 6 we had over 43,000 National Guard serving in the AOR.

Now you guys, nobody's going to try to shine you on, you guys spent a lot of time in uniform, you can look at the facts and draw your own conclusions. This has been a deployment of historic significance. It is absolute validation, along with ongoing combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, of the total force.

Those of you guys who served in Vietnam remember what it was like for the Reserve component and the Guard back in the late (19)60's and early (19)70's. And then Melvin Laird came along and then General Abrams (sp) and the concept of the total force as a *concept* was developed.

We've been building toward it for the last 30 years, 35 years almost. And in fact we have achieved a level of deployable, professional capability within the National Guard that has been proven this week.

There have been some substantial challenges facing our nation in the last week. And some of those challenges relate to first responders, state and local government, and to we in the military. But on balance, I think any fair assessment of our military response within the time frames that in fact were reduced rather dramatically has been an effective deployment of historic significance where all of our men and women in uniform have performed really superbly. And the National Guard has shown itself to be a capability fully relevant to the 21st century. That's not a speech, it's a fact.

Lawrence: Thank you very much. Thank you gentlemen for calling in. Just as a reminder, this call is on background. Any attribution should be to a senior DoD official.

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Disaster relief by our best. And just where is the UN with their disaster package, hmmm?

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This is one Bush will win, but the second -- the O'Connor replacement -- will be the liberals' do or die fight. And it will flush all the fake moderates, such as Hillary, out of the weeds.

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Subject: Re: Hewitt show

Friday Blum is back in the region and traveling with 3 or 4 reporters. McHale with the VP down there tomorrow. Pitched it to NORTHCOM. Blum might be a possibility for Monday. Still working it.

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Jed, brought this up earlier this week. Honore is moving around quite a bit and remains a possibility. What about general blum, if he's available? Thanks.

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Subject: bill cowan on o'reilly

tonight at 8 and 11----defending the national guard's response. fyi.
thanks

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here is the email i just sent with exact info per this morning's meeting. i will re-inforce the rules once on the call.

To: 50 in 5 Speakers

RE: OSD PA Conference Call

Folks, first, I wanted to again offer my sincere thanks for your willingness to hit the road in support of the 50 in 5 outreach mission. Given the country's heightened interest in DoD's operations with Katrina and with the GWOT, our timing couldn't be better for a nationwide regional outreach effort - and we could not have done it without you!

Several of you have asked for the most up to date information with regard to DoD's response to Katrina. Today, at 1700 EST, OSD PA will host a conference call with General Blum and our senior retired military analysts to update on disaster relief operations. I would like to extend the opportunity for you to call in and **audit** the call should you wish. Please note, this call has been set up for the primary purpose of offering our analysts an opportunity for direct engagement with senior DoD leaders. We would request that all 50 in 5 participants audit the call on mute. Should topics come up that raise questions for you, I would ask that you or your staff direct those off line to myself or Major (b)(6) or CDR (b)(6). We will work to offer immediate response. We have reserved 50 lines for this call, and would request that only the Speakers or your PAO designee call in.

Conference call in # (b)(2) or (b)(2)
Once dialed in, ask the operator to connect you to the DoD Analysts conference call

Thank you again for your great help in communicating the amazing work being done by our men and women in uniform, both home and abroad, to the American people.

All the best,

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Subject: RE: analysts call
Importance: High

I think we may want to add someone like BG Scherling or LTG Conway to the phone call... LTG Blum brings the NG piece to it, but the debate is when the active force moved... Maybe LTG Conway?

Frank Thorp
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hi there

we couldn't make the call work for today. we have locked in gen blum for the military analysts and civilian defense experts tomorrow.

still on track for religious leaders on friday.

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From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2005 5:12 PM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Thorp, Frank, CAPT, OCJCS/PA
Subject: RE: analysts call

Thanks.

What religious leaders???

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

From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2005 5:02 PM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Thorp, Frank, CAPT, OCJCS/PA
Subject: analysts call

hi there

we couldn't make the call work for today. we have locked in gen blum for the military analysts and civilian defense experts tomorrow.

still on track for religious leaders on friday.

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From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2005 4:48 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: Henry, Ryan, HON, OSD-POLICY
Subject: RE: International Visitors (subject matter experts) to GTMO

This is an excellent idea -- unfortunately, it did get blown off my radar with this hurricane. I will assist in anyway that is helpful. I think this has the potential to pay off big down the road.

From: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2005 2:17 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Henry, Ryan, HON, OSD-POLICY
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From: JedBabbin@**(b)(6)**
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2005 1:33 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: Reminder

Eric: Just a reminder. I'm subbing for Hugh Hewitt (national show, Salem Radio net) on Friday, 9/9. We air 6-9 pm EDT. Would like to get Gen. Russ Honore on for 10-15 mins. Thanks. Best, Jed.

Jed Babbin

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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2005 12:51 PM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Thorp, Frank, CAPT, OCJCS/PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: outreach plan

good plan, (b)(6)

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

From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2005 11:40 AM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Thorp, Frank, CAPT, OCJCS/PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) (E-mail)
Subject: outreach plan

here is the plan:

today: working on a call with military analysts and gen schereling
wed: gen honore call with military analysts and defense experts
fri: religious leaders with gen blum and mchale

will keep you posted.

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From: JedBabbin@(b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2005 8:14 AM
To: tmcinerney@(b)(6); paulvalley@(b)(6); nashct@(b)(6); Glenstrae77
(b)(6) BURM41516@(b)(6); (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; WSSinter@(b)(6)
roberthscates@(b)(6); (b)(6)
Subject: Today's Spectator: The Roberts fight

This is one Bush will win, but the second -- the O'Connor replacement -- will be the liberals' do or die fight. And it will flush all the fake moderates, such as Hillary, out of the weeds.

The American Spectator

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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2005 5:01 PM
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Cc: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; Thorp, Frank, CAPT, OCJCS/PA
Subject: Re: interview request - 9 Sept

Jed, given the lead time, we should be able to work this via northcom. I'll forward to pressops for action. Thanks.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: JedBabbin@'(b)(6)' <JedBabbin@'(b)(6)'
To: eric.ruff@'(b)(6)' <eric.ruff@'(b)(6)'
CC: dallas.lawrence@'(b)(6)' <dallas.lawrence@'(b)(6)'
Sent: Fri Sep 02 15:50:41 2005
Subject: interview request - 9 Sept

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Subject: JTF-Katrina

Disaster relief by our best. And just where is the UN with their disaster package, hmmm?

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