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The U.S. Versus Syria and Iran: Winning the War on Terror

Maj. Gen. Paul Vallely (ret.)

\* Before the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon were attacked, there were eight countries supporting terrorism. Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya, and North Korea were involved in shipments of arms to terrorists. Saudi Arabia provided sanctuary, training, and funding for terrorist organizations.

\* This list has now been reduced to five countries, and some of these are in transformation as well, including Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

\* If we follow a strategy that takes the nation-states that continue to support terrorism out of play, the non-state terrorist organizations will fade. For example, Hizballah will fade if its umbilical cord with Iran can be cut.

\* In November 2004, Fallujah was by far the most dangerous city in the world. Now it is the safest city in Iraq. We cannot permit sanctuaries to exist anywhere in the world that enable terrorist organizations to spread their terror.

\* There is only one war today and that is the global war on terror - there are no other wars. The rest are campaigns within the war on terror. The problem between Israel and the Palestinians will not be solved until we solve the greater regional problems.

#### Only a Handful of States Back Terror

In the book End Game: The Blueprint for Victory in the War on Terror, Lt. Gen. Thomas McInerney, who was Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and I offer a strategy for winning the war on terror.

During the first term of the Bush administration, it was very apparent to us even before the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon were attacked that there were eight countries supporting terrorism. They included Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya, and North Korea, which were involved in shipments of arms to terrorists. The eighth country is Saudi Arabia, which has provided sanctuary, training, and funding for terrorist organizations. This list has now been reduced to five countries, and some of these are in transformation as well, including Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, to some degree.

The Muslim Brotherhood moved to Saudi Arabia in 1954, and bin Laden was born there in 1957. The Saudis have spread their ideology of Wahhabism throughout the mosques of the world, including some 1,500 in the United States primarily funded by Saudi Arabia. Radical Islamic preachers have created a network of Wahhabi schools, so the transformation also has to occur within the Muslim community.

The non-state terrorist organizations - Hizballah, Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Abu Sa'if in the Philippines, Jemaah Islamiyah in Southeast Asia and Indonesia - are all interconnected in terms of funding and support mechanisms.

If we follow a strategy that takes the nation-states that continue to support terrorism out of play, the non-state terrorist organizations will fade. For example, Hizballah will fade if its umbilical cord with Iran can be cut.

## Eliminate Terrorist Sanctuaries

In November 2004, Fallujah was by far the most dangerous city in the world. Now it is the safest city in Iraq and its people are moving back. In Fallujah we found an enormous amount of arms and ammunition. Almost every building contained some type of arms. We cannot permit sanctuaries to exist anywhere in the world that enable terrorist organizations to spread their terror. The U.S. had allowed such a sanctuary in Fallujah. It made the mistake of thinking it was possible to negotiate with those whose intention is to kill and to take back the power that was taken away from them when Saddam fell.

Another mistake the U.S. made in Iraq was in setting up the coalition provisional authority, which basically was a State Department organization in charge of a war zone. It was a mistake not to call back the police and the military immediately, and it was a mistake not to put in an interim government immediately, as the U.S. did in Afghanistan.

Once the United States committed to fight the Germans and the Japanese in World War II, the war lasted three years and nine months. We are already in this global war on terror for a longer period. The war has to be decisive, quick, and it has to have finality. Having a long duration of combat results in more casualties for both the military and the civilian populations. This war will continue for a long time unless certain things happen, including cutting off the money from the nation-states that provide a geographical base for supporting terrorism.

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## Focus on Syria

It is possible that chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction were moved out of Iraq between January 15 and March 9, 2003. The U.S. has satellite pictures of 18-wheel trailer trucks going to two locations in Syria and one location in the Bekaa Valley.

If any military action is taken in Syria, it may focus on the training areas outside of Aleppo. The U.S. should not tolerate any terrorist training camps in Syria that support attacks on coalition forces in Iraq.

Since Arafat passed away, Hizballah has become the main support for Hamas and Islamic Jihad with financial support and arms. These terrorist organizations must be dealt with. We must not be so naive as to think that we can negotiate with them.

## Dealing with Iran

If the U.S. selects a military option in Iran, it would probably not involve ground forces. The action would involve covert operations and would primarily be done by air. The U.S. has the capability to do what it has to.

If Iran is attacked, Russia will do nothing because it doesn't have the capability to do much right now. China is not going to do anything either. The Chinese are more interested in the transfer of technology and have no interest in leaving their borders to come fight in the Middle East.

I believe that if the operation in Iran is done correctly, the Iranian people will take care of the rest. The U.S. does not want to occupy that country.

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## Iran Said to Be Smuggling Nuclear Matter

By GEORGE JAHN, Associated Press Writer 10 minutes ago

Iran is circumventing international export bans on sensitive dual-use materials by smuggling graphite and a graphite compound that can be used to make conventional and nuclear weapons, an Iranian dissident and a senior diplomat said Friday.

Graphite has many peaceful uses, including steel manufacture, but also can be used as a casing for molten weapons-grade uranium to fit it to nuclear warheads or to shield the cones of conventional missiles from heat.

With most countries adhering to international agreements banning the sale of such "dual-use" materials to Tehran, Iran has been forced to buy it on the black market, Iranian exile Alireza Jafarzadeh told The Associated Press — allegations confirmed by a senior diplomat familiar with Iran's covert nuclear activities.

While with the National Coalition of Resistance of Iran, Jafarzadeh disclosed information about two hidden nuclear sites in Iran in 2002 that helped uncover nearly two decades of covert Iranian atomic activity — and sparked present fears Tehran wants to build the bomb.

Much of the equipment — including centrifuges for uranium enrichment and other technology with possible weapons applications — was acquired on the nuclear black market.

Jafarzadeh, whose organization was banned in the United States for alleged terrorist activity and who now runs the Washington-based Strategic Policy Consulting think tank, said Iran was additionally smuggling and trying to manufacture a graphite-based substance called ceramic matrix composite. The highly heat resistance compound is also used in missile technology.

He said he learned this from sources of information within Iran.

The diplomat, who requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of his position, said Iran also may be interested in acquiring specially heat-resistant "nuclear-grade graphite" that can be used as moderators to slow down the fission process in reactors generating energy.

While Iran does not now have reactors using such moderators, it insists it has the future right to all aspects of peaceful nuclear technology.

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Observations:

Why Islam is Disrespected <

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\* It was front-page news this week when Newsweek retracted a report claiming that a U.S. interrogator in Guantanamo had flushed a copy of the Koran down a toilet. Everywhere it was noted that Newsweek's story had sparked widespread Muslim rioting, in which at least 17 people were killed. But there was no mention of deadly protests triggered in recent years by comparable acts of desecration against other religions - because they never occurred. Christians, Jews, and Buddhists don't lash out in homicidal rage when their religion is insulted. They don't call for holy war and riot in the streets.





\* The Muslim riots should have been met by outrage and condemnation. From every part of the civilized world should have come denunciations of those who would react to the supposed destruction of a book with brutal threats and the slaughter of 17 innocent people. But the chorus of condemnation was directed not at the killers and the fanatics who incited them, but at Newsweek.

\* The real desecration of Islam is not what some interrogator in Guantanamo might have done to the Koran. It is what totalitarian Muslim zealots have been doing to innocent human beings in the name of Islam. It is 9/11 and Beslan and Bali and Daniel Pearl and the USS Cole. It is trains in Madrid and schoolbuses in Israel and an "insurgency" in Iraq that slaughters Muslims as they pray and vote and line up for work. It is Hamas and al-Qaeda and sermons filled with infidel-hatred and exhortations to "martyrdom."

\* But what disgraces Islam above all is the vast majority of the planet's Muslims saying



nothing and doing nothing about the jihadist cancer eating away at their religion. It is Free Muslims Against Terrorism, a pro-democracy organization, calling on Muslims and Middle Easterners to "converge on our nation's capital for a rally against terrorism" - and having only 50 people show up.

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**Subject:** RE: Valley Fox News Analyst

no thanks--busiest part of my day

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**Subject:** FW: Valley Fox News Analyst

(b)(6) would you (and anyone else who may be interested, I've cc'd a few here) like to have coffee with Major General Paul Valleyly this coming Tuesday around 9 AM? He is a very popular analyst on Fox News and would love to sit and chat with you guys (and ladies) for a few minutes. Please let me know.

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**To:** (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Ours & Theirs...

Sounds good. Around 9 or 9:15 Am Tuesday. I'll get lost so can we meet at ASD O'Connell's office?

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**To:** 'Paul Valleyly'  
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It would be my pleasure to join you for a cup of coffee. I can certainly get Dallas to join us and would you like me to invite someone from Press Ops? Would that be something you'd be interested in and/or enjoy?

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----- You need to read this about Matador!!!!

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 19, 2005 6:23 PM  
**To:** 'Dan Senor'  
**Subject:** RE: tonight

I'm watching you on t.v. just now and realizing I never got back to you. Oops.

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**From:** Dan Senor (mailto:dansenor@<sup>(b)(6)</sup>)  
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**To:** larry.dirita@<sup>(b)(6)</sup>  
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**Subject:** tonight

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iraqi security forces are impotent.

thanks!

-dan

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2005 4:00 PM  
To: 'Dan Senor'  
Subject: RE: tonight

jed babbin

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From: Dan Senor [mailto:dansenor@(b)(6)]  
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2005 3:59 PM  
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
Subject: RE: tonight

who is going on gibson?

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<Dallas.Lawrence@(b)(6)> wrote:

> please let me know if you dont get an answer. i have another guy  
> going on gibsons show at 5 to talk about the same thing

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**To:** 'Paul Vallely'  
**Subject:** RE: Ours & Theirs...

Sure thing. Do you have that room #? If not, I'll find it out prior to Tues.

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This is priceless. I shall send it to all the universe.

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You have to look at this!!!!

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**Subject:** FW: Tues

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If nothing prevents me from this here in the office, I will be joining Major General Valley for coffee next Tues at 9 AM. If either of you are interested in meeting the General (you'd have to be a big Fox News Fan), you are welcome to stop by.

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**To:** Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** mention to tamsen!!

re. bob mcmanus.... see below. thanks. (b)(6)

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**Subject:** Bob Mcmanus, NY Post

Hey (b)(6)

Just got a note from Bob McManus, Editorial Page Editor at the NY Post.

He doesn't grumble "much" for being a former submariner, but he was lamenting to me today that he's been downgraded twice now by his fleet week contact from a frigate/destroyer to a one day tiger cruise aboard a carrier.

(He thinks that the small boys are more compelling a story....)

Bob's seriously pro-Navy, a vet, and as editor of the country's 6th largest paper with three full op-ed pages (and with the same circulation as the NY Times in NYC), I think this is an opportunity too good for the Pentagon to pass up.

(The Post also has the country's third most trafficked newspaper web site....)

Could you guys look into this and make sure Bob's treated well...?.

He's at mcmanus@ (b)(6) or (b)(6)

Thanks and

Best,

Pete

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Tues??

(b)(6) are you interested in seeing Paul Vallely before you leave for Florida. If so, you are welcome to join he and I at coffee next Tuesday here in the Pentagon at 9 AM. Please let me know.

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**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: transcript participant question

If you could put it on your list of things to do, I am quite curious.

Can wait til next week, certainly.

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**To:** (b)(6) OASD-PA  
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he's not a military analyst. i'm assuming he's one of the vsos. not sure. i could look, but it will take me a while.....

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Who is Gen. Joe Ross who was listed on Friday's call?

I don't have him in my database.

Thanks,

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Thanks! Good to have.

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Attached is a transcript from Friday's conference call with Mr. Wynne and Mr. Grone with the military analysts and outreach groups about the BRAC list.

I am the only person who's proofed this. I have the tape.

The call was on background.

Forwarded to those on list in case any of you can use it.

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Conference call with military analysts and outreach groups on BRAC announcement.

Friday, May 13, 2005, 1130

(b)(2) Ms. Barber's office

Briefers: Mr. Mike Wynne, Mr. Phil Grone

Moderator: Mr. Dallas Lawrence, OSD-PA

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Mr. Lawrence: Good afternoon folks, this is Dallas Lawrence at the Pentagon. Thank you for joining us this afternoon for our conference call on the BRAC announcement this afternoon. We are joined today by Michael Wynne, the undersecretary for acquisition and technology and logistics, and Mr. Phil Grone, the deputy undersecretary for installations and environment.

This conference call will be on background, so please if you attribute anything, please attribute it to senior defense department officials. We're going to go ahead and open the call with Mr. Wynne who's here with us, who has a brief statement on the overview of the process, and then we'll be opening it up for questions. With that, Mr. Wynne?

Mr. Wynne: Good morning. My name is Mike Wynne for those of you who have never met me or don't know me, and I'm the undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, and I've had the interesting opportunity to not only chair one of the Joint Cross-Service Groups, but also to chair the Infrastructure Steering Group, and be the executive secretary on the Infrastructure Executive Council, and I'll try to detail what those three elements were.

As we organize this base realignment and closure, in a November 2001 memo from the secretary of defense, he asked that we involve more heavily – in order to drive transformation and jointness – a team called Joint Cross-Service Groups. The Joint Cross-Service Group that I was particularly a member of was the Industrial Joint Cross-Service Groups, and the Industrial Joint Cross-Service Groups consisted really of maintenance, shipbuilding, ship repair and depots – arsenals, arsenals meaning the production of military munitions.

That having been said, this Joint Cross-Service Group (inaudible) is different from last time, was actually able to surface their recommendations, not just to the military departments close to the end of the process, but throughout the process, and their recommendations then informed the military departments about where joint opportunities might have been that they did not recognize the previous time.

All of the recommendations from the Joint Cross-Service Groups, which were by the way also populated by military service representatives, went up to the Infrastructure Steering



Group. This group was really consisted of all the vice chiefs of staff of all the services, and the infrastructure and environment senior leadership for the services, as well as the office of the secretary of defense.

Mr. Lawrence: If I could ask everyone on the phone to please put their phones on mute that would appreciate that for the background noise. Sorry sir; go ahead.

Mr. Wynne: That's fine. And once, so this Infrastructure Steering Group then began to apply some integrated military value to this. The first thing we did was we went out to the field, I mean nationwide, domestically, and asked for capacity data so that we could focus in on what constituted core requirements and what constituted surge in all of the various aspects that you might measure it. And it is different, by the way, for each of the functional areas. For example, a surge in training may take some time, whereas a surge industrially might be a lot shorter and you might be able to handle it a little easier. A surge in mobilization could be considered in a different way.

That Infrastructure Steering Group then – also I asked that the military departments might bring their recommendations in order that we could have a similar format and a similar methodology to the way we presented material to the next level up, which was chaired by the deputy secretary, the secretaries of the departments, and the chiefs of staff for the function as well as the chairman of the Joint Staff.

Those what we call draft candidate recommendations were then presented to the Infrastructure Executive Committee, where they debated the merits and footprint as the force structure might come down, following the process as if all of our thousand or more scenarios might come true.

As a result of that, they were really vetted down to about 222 recommendations, many of them integrated, and when I say integrated, many of them contained one or more of the scenarios.

Am I having a problem? I hear feedback on the net. I don't mean to try it myself; I'll try to avoid it as best I can.

Those draft recommendations then were vetted through the Infrastructure Executive Council and then packaged up.

The secretary's involvement was as follows. The secretary was the architect of the process; in other words, he was the one who set up this Infrastructure Steering Groups, the Joint Cross-Service Groups, the interaction of the military departments, and basically provided the authorities by which we operated.

The next thing he did was he kept asking me about the process discipline. Have we asked all of the field for data? Did the data get vetted through the military departments? Was the military departments involved in the process? Did we involve the combatant commanders? All of this in the view of outreach. And then at the very end of the process

he essentially took possession of the recommendations as they were presented through his deputy, the deputy secretary, and did a pointed question and answers with each of his senior military advisors from the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff through the head of the services.

As you saw in the press conference if you had the chance to watch, all of them stood tall behind the secretary essentially supporting his recommendation and the outcome.

The next steps – in fact as I said in the press conference I just concluded, this really concludes the Department of Defense's portion of this exercise, with the exception that I have to go testify to the Commission, as well as does all of the service secretaries, the chiefs of staff and the secretary himself to the Commission to give them, if you will, a kickoff and a lead into this vast volume of data. And I mean 25 million bits of data that were collected and assembled. And we are trying to construct an orderly process that it might be transmitted and we might train their staff, so that they can do their independent look.

Once that's concluded of course, their independent look, they then would forward this to the president. I believe, Phil, the president has an opportunity to review this. He can make changes or make suggestions and send it back to the Commission. Once he does that, then the Commission then forwards the revised package to him, or he can forward the package as is, where is the Congress then has 45 days on an up-or-down basis to vote a resolution of disapproval, which is then subject to presidential review.

Now, we are very concerned because this activity that we've been involved in will affect 33 major bases. The definition of major base is a plant replacement value in excess of \$100 million. It will affect 29 major realignments, where a major realignment is a loss of approximately 400 positions or more. And there are approximately – let's see if I can get this number right, there are approximately 49 bases and across American where over 400 personnel will be gained. And all of those by the way are up on our web site right now, specifically through the BRAC, if you will, sub portal.

Mr. Lawrence: Which is [www.defenselink/BRAC](http://www.defenselink/BRAC).

Mr. Wynne: Now, what I would like for Phil Grone to go through, and Phil is the deputy undersecretary for installations and environment under the secretary of defense's office. And Secretary Grone and I have worked tirelessly over the course of the last two years to essentially discipline the process so that the data was clearly certifiable, that we went through an auditable process, and that we in fact evidenced the right kind of compassion for the communities that are affected.

Just so you understand what I mean by transparency, the General Accountability Office and the Office of the Inspector General were with us at every step, building of every model, the vetting of every scenario, so that even the scenarios that were, if you will, rejected, were subject to their review and consideration, and will be, I think, evident to the Commission.

So what I would like for Secretary Grone to go through now is what's in place to support the affected communities after they've given such terrific service to the our service people. Phil?

Mr. Grone: Thank you, sir. And at the outset, I just want to mention a couple of things, comment on one other, and then we can go to questions.

As some of you may know, the president yesterday amended a prior executive order and reissued and reaffirmed policy with regard to the Defense Economic Adjustment Program, also establishing in the executive order, following on some statutory changes the Economic Adjustment Committee, which is an interagency committee.

The secretary of defense will chair, with the secretary of labor and the secretary of commerce, as vice chairs of that committee. Its purpose, and the purpose of the executive order, and the purpose of our programs are to assist communities as they go through transition, particularly those communities that lose a major base or that lose direct and indirect jobs as a result of these closure and realignment actions, to help get them in a position of viable economic reuses as expeditiously as possible.

We will, and the Office of Economic Adjustment at Defense, will serve in many ways as a clearinghouse for the broader federal response to defense economic adjustment. We are going to work very, very closely and have already begun a process working with our interagency partners to position ourselves well for point in this process where we will get to key economic reuse decisions.

Internally, our programs remain very much the way they have been in the past, and our colleagues in Personnel and Readiness have been updating those with regard to civilian assistance and reemployment, our priority placement programs. The homeowners' assistance program remains in place for those who need assistance or have difficulty selling a home as a result of a closure, particularly a closure decision.

The Labor Department will also be working with worker retraining programs, and some of our other sister federal agencies – Commerce among them – will be working with us on economic development grants so we can provide to local communities. So it will be a very broad federal response assuming the recommendations do become law. And that's where we are on that. And I guess at this point we go to questions.

Mr. Wynne: So what we'd like to do is open it up for questions. I guess I don't have a suggestion, do you?

Mr. Lawrence: No. Just questions for the group if you want to bring them in again, remembering this is on background.

Mr. McCausland: This is Jeff McCausland with CBS. Thank you for the presentation. Two quick questions. One is, there's still this question about the so-called legal findings

in terms of whether or not we can close National Guard sites absent the concurrence of the governor. I notice that the Army has like 211 National Guard sites by itself that's going to be closed. And I understand Mr. Principi has made that inquiry, so has that legal finding been made? And second of all, obviously there's very large number of lease facilities in the DC and northern Virginia closed down. Can we assume that the realignment across the nation is basically soaking up those activities and those personnel, or is that going to be a separate thing because of all the office space movement?

Mr. Grone: Well, I think on the, let me take the last piece first. On the leasing piece, as the secretary spoke to, our decisions on leasing do have an effect and had an effect on whether we had excess capacity or not. But I wouldn't look at them in quite the way you did. I would look at them in ways in which we were looking to improve efficiency, military effectiveness and improve our cost structure by getting out of long-term leased space and moving aboard military installations that had capacity.

There's also a secondary benefit, and a very important benefit, in terms of the additional protection for our people and our missions that moving aboard an installation will provide. That said, we're not entirely abandoning leased space. We do need to manage it more effectively, and we're going to do that, and BRAC has a very large statement in that regard, but it is a matter of ongoing emphasis in the department to see how we can most effectively manage both our resources, our space to provide protection for people and mission.

And on the question of the Guard. Certainly we have indicated, and Mr. Wynne indicated we would have (were to?) follow all applicable law with regard to the Air National Guard and the Army National Guard. We have made these kind of adjustments in previous rounds of BRAC; they've not been challenged before. I understand that some folks desire to challenge those, but we believe that we have taken into account all applicable federal statute.

And in regard to the Army National Guard specifically and the state facilities, the way in which the recommendations were structured, and I think it would be helpful if you had an opportunity to look at them, what we're trying to do is what General Cody spoke to is combining these scattered reserve facilities that support the Guard and Reserve into a unified, joint reserve or readiness center that can accommodate the needs of the joint force and the needs of the Reserve components.

But importantly with regard to the state-controlled facilities, the recommendations are all written in a way that the new Air Force – or Armed Forces Reserve Center for example, and I'm looking at one specifically in the state of Nebraska, shall have the capability to accommodate Nebraska National Guard units from the Nebraska Army – the Army National Guard Readiness Center at a given location if the state decides to relocate those National Guard units. And the point that General Blum made was that we have done this exercise with the adjutants general. The governor, at the end of the day, with a state-owned facility, has the choice – to move in there, and to provide for a better-supported force. We think we're doing the right thing by this. The adjutants general think we're

doing the right thing by this. And the Guard chiefs in this building – Army and Air Force – believe we're doing right by this. So I think we've had a very cooperative process in that regard, and I expect we're going to get significant force transformation as a result.

Mr. McCausland: Thank you.

Mr. Lawrence: Next question please.

Mr. Sheppard: Don Sheppard, CNN. Is it my understanding that the president has until the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September and he has to accept the whole list in its entirety, he cannot make adjustments on the list itself, is that correct?

Mr. Wynne: Don as I understand it, the president can – I think it's the – we're going to get the specific date for you – I had in my mind the 18<sup>th</sup>, for whatever reason. I think the president can send the list back, remand it back to the Commission, with suggestions. For example, he could remand it back with suggestions where his staff has a specific objection or a suggestion to either our recommendation, by the way, or to the Commission's recommendation. But then they have an opportunity to revise it or leave it alone. And once he does that one time, it then goes to the president on an up-or-down acceptance. So I think you have that part right. And then when it goes to Congress it's also an up-or-down acceptance. Or excuse me, an up-or-down rejection, because I think the Congress is a ....

Mr. Grone: Joint resolution.

Mr. Wynne: Joint resolution of disapproval. Do you have the date?

Mr. Lawrence: I'll email the date out to the group.

Mr. Grone: The Commission's process – their deadline is the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. The president has until – I believe it's the 23<sup>rd</sup>, but I think Dallas is right, we ought to be specific with regard to the date.

Mr. Lawrence: We will email a timeline out to everyone and I am pretty sure – the timeline is actually on the BRAC website. Which again, I left the dot mil off. It's [www.defenselink.mil/BRAC](http://www.defenselink.mil/BRAC). And there is a full BRAC timeline on there.

Mr. Wynne: And I think yes, we gave a presentation yesterday, or the day before - no, yesterday, which had that timeline in it Don and just for precision we appreciate you taking a look at that.

Mr. Allard: Ken Allard, MSNBC. Two things. Number one, the web site is seriously overloaded; you can't get to it. The second is can you describe the impact, if any, that various considerations related to homeland security, homeland defense may have had on your deliberations? Did you apply that matrix to your thoughts on what ought to be closed?

Mr. Wynne: I would say that it's all part of the criteria. And when our military leadership took a look at it, it was in, it was -- because they were already participating in many aspects of homeland defense, that was a consideration, particularly when it came to military judgment or military value. That's the way that we had postured it. There wasn't -- I would add -- there wasn't for example an interaction with the Department of Homeland Security specifically looking at each of the recommendations, but it was through the military involvement of the combatant commanders like North Command, and that kind of a thing that we felt we had the implications pretty well covered.

Mr. Allard: So when you do something like recommend the closing of Otis in Massachusetts (Otis Air National Guard Base) we can assume the fact that you had also looked at the standpoint of, hey, how do we cover the air space in New England, for example?

Mr. Wynne: Yes, sir, you can.

Mr. Lawrence: Next question, please.

Ms. Holleman: Deirdre Holleman from TREA? (Retired Enlisted Association). Mr. Wynne, except for your testimony before the Commission do you know when they're planning, or what their plans are for community or public testimony?

Mr. Grone: Do you want me to take it?

Mr. Wynne: Go ahead, please.

Mr. Grone: My -- this is Phil Grone. My understanding is, and the Commission, my understanding is the Commission has only announced the schedule through next week.

Ms. Holleman: That's all I found.

Mr. Grone: And that would include General Taylor's testimony as well. My understanding from discussion with the Commission staff is largely they were waiting on the transmission of the list to begin to figure out and plan for their next set of activities. I would direct you directly to them, but I would expect they would go out into the field and take hearings and input from folks pretty quickly, so. But they hadn't announced a schedule because frankly they didn't know where to go.

Mr. Wynne: But I do know that this is really the time, if you will, for the communities to probably communicate with the staff to make sure that they are -- that they can get their story told and, if you will, put forward their best arguments. I think the Commission staff has said they are going to take a very independent look at not only our data, but data that the individual communities (surface?), and take that all on board. It's something that you all ought to consider is that we could not, we could not take advantage of community input in our submissions, other than the community input that had been ongoing for

many, many years. The Commission, however, can take into account community input that is not only present but planning.

Ms. Holleman: Thank you.

Mr. Lawrence: Next question, please.

Mr. Smith: Yes, this is (General) Perry Smith from CBS. I am having a hard time getting on your web site also, so let me just ask a couple quick questions. I live down in Georgia. Where are the missions from Fort McPherson and Fort Gillem, where are they going to go?

Mr. Wynne: Let's see if I can find those.

Mr. Lawrence: You know, also, everyone on this list received the BRAC recommendation was emailed out to all of you folks about an hour and a half ago. But it wouldn't have had that piece on. Hold on a second, we're looking.

Mr. Wynne: What we're doing is looking specifically at the Army recommendation for Fort McPherson to try to get you that answer.

Mr. Grone: I got it.

Mr. Lawrence: Mr. Grone has your answer.

Mr. Grone: Let me, let me if you'll bear with me for a second, because the recommendation is at some length.

Mr. Lawrence: Do you want to take another question while you read that real quick?

Mr. Grone: No. In the case of Fort Gillem, the headquarters First Army is to relocate to Rock Island Arsenal Illinois, and there are several other mission moves that move functions to a number of other locations. The second recruiting brigade to Redstone Arsenal, the 52<sup>nd</sup> (EOD?) group to Fort Campbell, the 81<sup>st</sup> (ROC?) equipment concentration site to Fort Benning, the Third Army moves to - support office moves to Shaw Air Force Base, headquarters U.S. Force Command VIP explosive ordnance support to Pope Air Force Base, and a number other moves. So I just ask you to bear with this. And within the case of Fort McPherson, I'll just mention the major piece of course. Relocating Force Comm (?) and the headquarters of the U.S. Army Reserve Command (to?) Pope Air Force Base North Carolina. And the headquarters of the Third Army to Shaw.

Mr. Wynne: OK, I think that's enough. I think if you got the part about Rock Island for the First and then to Pope Air Force Base for McPherson I think that would probably do it.

Mr. Lawrence: Next question please. Are there any other questions?

Mr. McCausland: Jeff McCausland, back on the Commission for a second. Am I understanding that the Commission will really only work with the list in terms of saying a particular base listed for closure should not be closed, or should perhaps be realigned? They're not going back and looking at those bases that are not affected at all? Is that correct?

Mr. Grone: No, that's not...

Mr. McCausland: Look at the bases that are only being realigned? Or are they going to focus solely on the bases listed for closure?

Mr. Wynne: No. I would tell you first of all the Commission is fairly independent, so it's hard for me to bound their mission. But the - historically, they have not only taken bases that are candidates for realignment and closure and, if you will, peered into our analysis and determined whether it's right or wrong, they've actually removed bases or they have the ability to move the bases.

What has happened this year is different than last time is they have the right to add a base, or to change a scenario, based on the data that we collected. However, the Congress has made it hard for them by demanding that seven out of nine (Commissioners) vote to put a base in contention. They have to visit the base, specifically hear from the community leadership, and then they have to take a second round vote and again achieve a seven of nine majority in order for that base to be recommended for closure.

So I would tell you that they have a lot of rights, some of them you might consider to be restricted, but it is not - they are not just restricted to the bases that are listed here for either major or minor realignment or closure. They have access to our entire database. And we collected information on every base throughout America. I mean, the downside of what we did was frankly that it caused some consternation in areas where there didn't need to be, but we felt we had to examine - border to border - all of our domestic bases.

Mr. McCausland: Thank you.

Mr. Lawrence: Next question, please.

Mr. Allard: Ken Allard again. One of the things that struck me about this round was the very significant input that appears to have taken place from the standpoint of doing this thing from a joint service perspective. The two aspects of that that seem most significant were the reserve community and the medical community. Any other aspects that you can point to in that aspect of consideration?

Mr. Wynne: Yes. There are about 14 centers of excellence that we attempted to construct. Funny thing - I mean, one of them was because the secretary, in fact, had asked early on why our drivers were trained differently and asked about how that was to be. And so we



formed a center of excellence essentially for transportation instruction. We also formed one for culinary. In other words the chefs for the various services had previously been done in their own are now being done in one location...

Voice: Where? I gotta ask that?

Mr. Wynne: Do you remember where that was?

Mr. Lawrence: We'll get it to you.

Mr. Wynne: We'll get it to you. But there's 14 centers of excellence. The most significant one I would say in that regard was the Joint Strike Fighter initial pilot training is going to be at Eglin Air Force Base (Florida) at a joint location. And the reason this is significant is those of you who were pilots, and some of you I am sure were, the services were very possessive of how they train. But they -- and they still will retain advanced pilot training but in this case they collaborated on a single initial pilot training base and they all, if you will, consensus arrived at Eglin Air Force base as being that location.

Mr. Grone: As we approach lunch time, I am happy to inform you that the joint center for excellence for culinary training will be established at Fort Lee Virginia.

(Laughter)

Voice: Hey, I hope you have lunch there.

Mr. Lawrence: Do we have any other questions from the group?

Voice: Thanks very much.

Mr. Wynne: Thank you very much.

Mr. Lawrence: Thank you.

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**From:** Major Andy Messing [ndcf@erols.com] (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2005 5:53 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Fallujah May Have a Fighting Chance

Dear (b)(6)

God Bless you and yours... tough jobs require hard men ! I am so proud of you, I could split...you have exceeded yourself...watch yer 6... and keep in touch... and WRITE about this for future Soldiers and Marines ! Don't bury your experience for others to discover !! I told Captain (b)(6) the same thing...Write...especially since you can Lansdalize it . Few Interns have matched you...proud of you !! STAY SAFE and coming sailing in Key West at some point !

Regards, ANDY

P.S. I am sending this to some of your fellow Marines at the CC in case they wanna E-Mail you

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**From:** (b)(6)  
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**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2005 4:14 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: Fallujah May Have a Fighting Chance

Sir,

I lived in Fallujah for a couple of months advising an Iraqi unit. It was an experience. An interesting, sometimes frustrating experience. We are rebuilding Fallujah and also working with the local government. A lot of work still has to be done, though.

I know Maj (b)(6) who is mentioned in the article. He is good to go and I am going on a mission with him shortly. I am having fun and will e-mail you pictures

Semper Fi,

(b)(6)

1st Lt USMC  
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"Major F.Andy Messing" <ndcf@erols.com> wrote:

Dear (b)(6)

This was sent to me by DOD Public Affairs.... since you are there in Fallujah ...at the vortex...doing Civic Action ( and since you are an old NDCF Intern practicing "Maslow" & "Lansdale " )... I thought you might like to eyeball this....

Stay Safe...

Best Regards, ANDY Messing

P.S. I hope you are enjoying the "Early Bird" I am sending you...

I'm in Alexandria now.... it is springtime... really beautiful with all the leaves on the trees...no Palm trees, Ha !

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All: An article worth reading.

**Fabulous Fallujah may have a fighting chance**

<http://www.townhall.com/columnists/GuestColumns/Humphries20050425.shtml>

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I think we are the same place we were last week -- pretty much a stand-off.

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I'm relatively sure (pun intended) I'll get a call today from jed babbin regarding the surety issue. Is this something he should pursue, dan? thanks, eric

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**From:** [REDACTED] CIV OASD-PA  
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## **Saddam's Bought Russians**

By Jed Babbin

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Russia's stubborn pro-Saddam stance in the UN Security Council brought Vladimir Putin's party and political machine enormous financial rewards in the form of bribe money coming from the UN Oil for Food Program, according to two detailed reports being released today by the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (PSI). Those bribes have fueled Putin's drive to restore authoritarian government in Russia. It is more than just corruption. Senate investigators say Saddam's penetration of the Russian political system was so deep that it could -- and did -- cause the passage of pro-Iraqi measures in the Russian Duma.

Senators Norm Coleman (R-MN) and Carl Levin (D-MI) sent their investigators to Iraq where they interviewed 16 former top officials of Saddam's regime. The staffers and their Senate bosses have been digging through thousands of documents in Iraq and here, including the corporate records of Texas oil trader Bayoil. And they have struck investigative gold.

From the speed with which the Senate investigators hit paydirt, it's easy to see why the Volcker team hasn't even attempted to chase the leads that were staring them in the face. If Volcker's crew had been serious, they could have pursued the big smell emanating from the Russian side of the oil transactions Saddam had been making. The Senate investigators detected the strong odor of rotting fish when they reached the obvious conclusion that Russia -- an oil exporter -- had somehow been the recipient of about 30% of the oil allocations (i.e., oil contracts awarded) under the Oil for Food scam without a drop of the OFF Program oil being delivered to Russia. The Senate investigation to date has concluded that one of the Russian government's most capable "fixers" -- one Vladimir Zhirinovskiy -- was only the most visibly corrupted Russian official. Digging a bit deeper, the PSI folks found that the Russian Presidential Council, Putin's Unity Party (latterly named the "United Russia Party"), the Congress Party and Russia's minister of foreign affairs all received massive oil allocations from the UN program.

Cut back to the Iraqi side of the ledger. According to the PSI reports, the large oil transactions were doled out to those doing Saddam's bidding and those he wanted to seduce. Saddam approved many of the transactions personally, while others were approved by his chief henchmen including his veep, Taha Yasin Ramadan, and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz. According to the PSI reports, Ramadan said that the oil allocations -- which could be sold for large commissions -- often resulted in profits for the recipients and were intended as "compensation for support" in the UN Security Council. (Tariq Aziz told the PSI that Putin's party received a large number of oil allocations because Russia was taking positions in the Security Council that favored Iraq. Those positions pressured the

Security Council to end the sanctions regime without forcing the completion of the WMD inspections.)

When Saddam got a bit greedier the allocations also resulted in "surcharges" paid back to Saddam's regime. These "surcharges" (in the Bronx, we called them "kickbacks") of up to 30 cents per barrel were paid into special bank accounts that were under the control of Saddam's regime and were used to fund terrorism, weapons purchases, and pretty much everything else Saddam was forbidden under the 1991 cease-fire agreements that granted him a reprieve he didn't deserve. (PSI plans more reports on how the funds were used to pay for terrorism and arms purchases.)

TO BE FAIR TO PUTIN, it's likely that the oil allocations to ensure his loyalty to Saddam only began after he began, in the summer of 2000, to pressure the UN for an end to the sanctions against Saddam. But once Putin and his cronies began receiving this "compensation for support," they were loath to see it end. And they put their pay to good use. The Russian Presidential Council the PSI report names is, according to Senate investigators, the mechanism Putin has used to consolidate power over local governments in his drive to return Russia to autocracy. (PSI says that the RPC has been referred to by other names by other sources. It is apparently the Presidential State Council established by Putin about a year after he was elected in 1999.) Funded by Iraqi bribe money, Putin has used the Council to bring pressure on regional officials to surrender power to the Kremlin. This is part and parcel of Putin's anti-democracy campaign that saw ballot alterations and pressure on media in the 2003 Duma election, increased Putin's control of the judiciary, and may yet end the direct election of regional governments.

The RPC apparently began receiving oil allocations at the behest of Aleksandr Stalevitch Voloshin, who is credited with a large role in Putin's rise to power. Voloshin ran Putin's first presidential campaign, helped create the "Unity Party" and -- as the PSI report says -- has been described as "a guide for those who needed things 'fixed' at the Kremlin." According to one source PSI quotes, "the Putin-Voloshin link is the strongest link in the [Russian] political game." Voloshin, himself a recipient of oil allocations, sent a friend, Sergei Isaakov, to Iraq to sign many of the oil allocation contracts for the Russian Presidential Council.

According to the PSI report on the Russian Presidential Council, the RPC received oil allocations amounting to 90 million barrels. These allocations were passed through Russian government intermediaries (strawman companies appointed and apparently controlled by the RPC) and sold through the Texas oil trader Bayoil. Bayoil, in turn, paid commissions to the Russian government middlemen which amounted to millions of dollars. In just the period of August through October 2000, Bayoil paid \$1.9 million to two named strawman companies, "Haverhill" and "Rusnaftaimpex" on oil allocations to the Russian Presidential Council. On one allocation contract, PSI estimates the payments to RPC -- aside from what was paid to the strawmen -- amounted to about \$850,000. Multiplied over the 90 million barrels, the profits to Putin's political machine could easily amount to tens of millions of dollars.

The Senate PSI will hold hearings on these reports tomorrow, and more and more details of how Saddam's bought Russians served him in the UN will come out. PSI's investigation will continue and -- because Coleman and Levin won't let this go -- will penetrate deeper and

deeper into the swamp of Oil for Food. And while they do, the UN remains adamant in its coverup of the scandal. It's still business as usual in Turtle Bay. Even on the most important issue we face today.

WHILE OIL FOR FOOD GRABS the headlines, the Iran nuclear problem festers. The EU-3 are about to be forced to admit the utter demolition of their diplomacy by the Iranian mullahs. The negotiations have come to naught, and the Iranians are threatening to resume the enrichment of uranium (which they probably never stopped) if the Eunuchs don't cave in. Thankfully, Britain is on the brink of agreeing with us to demand that Iran be brought before the UN Security Council for sanctions. British realism, albeit a little late, is welcome. But shall we trust the UN with the most urgent threat to our security, knowing the Security Council's members are for sale?

Some say Iran will be able to manufacture nuclear warheads in six months. Others say two years. In short, we have no damned idea when the mullahs will be armed with nukes, but we do know that a nuclear Iran is a risk the civilized world can't take. We know the only thing the UN will do is debate and delay. It is incapable of decision or action. There will be demands for inspections, and arguments about how they shall be done. Iran will go back and forth, cooperating and refusing, standing on its "rights" as a sovereign nation, a UN member in good standing. The debate will end when Iran announces its nuclear arsenal. Why should the UN debate further, *mon ami*? The game, she is over, yes?

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**Subject:** Today's Spectator: How Saddam bought the Russians

More on the UN oil-for-food-for-bribes-for-weapons scam. Dynamite stuff from Sen. Coleman's PSI. Best, Jed.

The American Spectator

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
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**Subject:** Mil Analysts

**Attachments:** Picture (Metafile)

CAPT Merritt just stopped by. She has a memo that Mr. Di Rita wrote to Evan Thomas regarding the Newsweek Koran story. CAPT Merritt said if we receive calls from any of the military analysts about this issue, we should see her before responding to the query.



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**From:** (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2005 4:56 PM  
**To:** Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Initial media reaction to today's BRAC announcement  
**Attachments:** BRAC Post Briefing- Media Reaction - 051305.doc



BRAC Post Briefing-  
Media Reac...

The attachment includes an examination of media coverage from the top 10 news outlets by circulation and national television broadcast stations following the BRAC announcement. Early online coverage consisted primarily of a reprinted AP story announcing the number of closures and cost savings. Later updates included more original commentary and reaction from state officials and legislators. National television had similar coverage and included commentary by military analysts.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2005 3:43 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Conference Call Follow Up

I don't think so.

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

**From:** (b)(6) OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2005 2:40 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Conference Call Follow Up

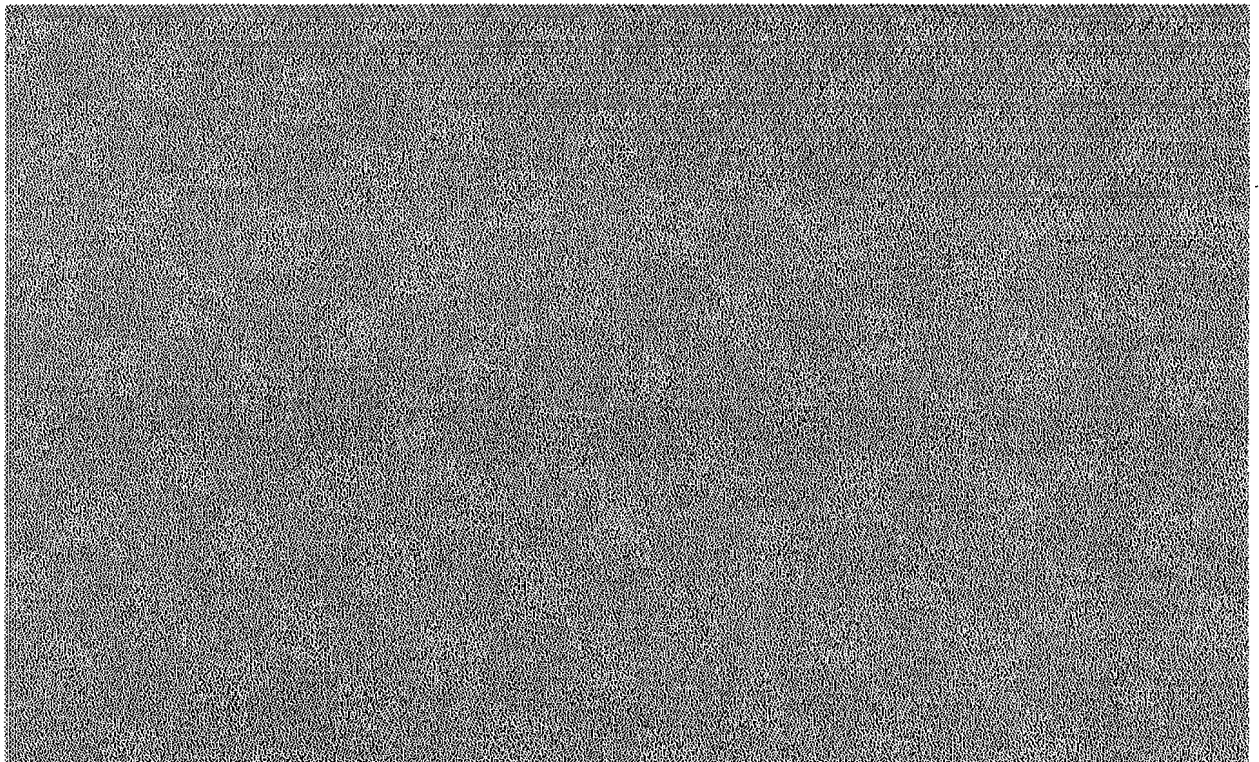
A conference call with the military analysts et al and Grone and Wynne. Did anyone bother to tell the reporters?

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

**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2005 2:37 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Conference Call Follow Up

Did they have a meeting in there?

Non Responsive



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**From:** (b)(6) OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2005 4:35 PM  
**To:** Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Chafin, Claude, CIV, OSD-LA  
**Subject:** BRAC talking points

**Importance:** High

**Attachments:** TP 05-11-05 BRAC.doc

I am proposing that talking points on BRAC be sent out.

Due to the sensitivity of this topic, I understand a lot of people must chop my work and bless the idea. I know this will get everyone wired up because it's not in the "plan," but I am throwing the idea out for consideration.

I spoke with Rhynedance. He suggested starting with you, McGraw and Grone. McGraw knows who I am but not what I do. Grone won't have a clue. I need leg affairs in on this as I would have to ask whether they want the final version sent to the Hill.

What is attached (hard copy with (b)(6)) is what I think shouldn't be a problem to send. It's meant to be an overview. I sat in on a few of Grone's briefings with outside audiences and notice they were lost (of course; they don't work on it all day long and it's unfamiliar).

Everything in here is taken from Grone transcripts (interview with the Pentagon Channel I stripped and transcribed, and the military analyst call yesterday I also transcribed). There are a few lines from Garamone's stories, and the timeline's off the BRAC page.

I need to start with you. Then I can push it to the other offices. It's too late to send these out tonight, but maybe tomorrow morning?

Thanks (b)(6)



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BRAC.doc (202 KB)

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2005 8:50 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) OASD-PA  
**Subject:** FW: Participant list - May 10, 2005

**Attachments:** list osd liaison 97.doc



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

**From:** (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 10, 2005 8:51 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Participant list - May 10, 2005

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Today's participant list for the "Military Analyst" call is attached.

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Any questions give me a call.

Thanks

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OSD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2005 8:39 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: OSD-PA transcript of Grone, Hunzeker (FOUO)

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

Many thanks

**From:** (b)(6) OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2005 8:12 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OSD  
**Subject:** OSD-PA transcript of Grone, Hunzeker

Mr. (b)(6)

Nice to see you briefly up at the press secretaries' briefing last week with Claude.

(b)(6) said to tell you "hello" back.

I thought you might be interested in the attached transcript of Mr. Grone and MG Hunzeker on BRAC. It's from a conference call outreach briefing yesterday with our military analysts (guys on TV) and some other groups.

I have forwarded a copy to Grone's and Hunzeker's people and some of our staff down here for internal use.

I am the only person who proofed this - I transcribed it for my talking point purposes. You'll see just a few instances where I couldn't catch what was said.

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<< File: 05-10-05 BRAC Grone, Hunzeker.doc >>

This may contain information exempt from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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**Subject:** transcript - BRAC military analyst call  
**Attachments:** 05-10-05 BRAC Grone, Hunzeker.doc

FYI for interested parties:

Attached is a transcript of the phone call to the military analysts and service groups this afternoon with Mr. Grone and MG Hunzeker.

The transcript has only been proofed by me - I am sending it along so you can read what was said. I have the tape.

Note: please do not forward, distribute, etc. The call was on background; listeners were asked to identify the sources as a senior Defense Department official.



05-10-05 BRAC  
Grone, Hunzeker....

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# **BRAC Base Realignment and Closure 2005**

## **BRAC – POST PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT** **MEDIA REACTION** **FRIDAY 13, 2005**

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### ***ONLINE HIGHLIGHTS***

#### **Immediate coverage of the announcement:**

- The NYT, WP, USA Today, NY Daily News and WSJ reprinted an AP story, without adding original reporting.
- Denver Post, Houston Chronicle tailored the AP piece for a local slant
- The L.A. Times, Chicago Tribune and Atlanta Journal-Constitution ran original stories.

#### **Updated stories included:**

- A WP piece on the proposal to shut down Walter Reed
- A NYT piece by Eric Schmitt and David Stout on “intense reaction” across the country to the announcement.

#### **Commentary included:**

- Reprinted AP stories highlighted overall cost savings, a “massive shift of US forces,” employment numbers in affected communities, and part of a written statement by the Secretary: “Our current arrangements, designed for the Cold War, must give way to the new demands of the war against extremism and other evolving 21st Century challenges.”
  - Also included several quotes from state legislators who were disappointed in their state’s closings. For example, New Jersey’s Fort Monmouth was on the list, to which Democratic Rep. Rush Holt vowed to: “Fight like hell to change it” and “the Pentagon’s error.”
- “Atlanta was a major loser...” but the rest of GA fared well and the state will gain jobs.
- The news that Illinois will lose jobs due to closures, but such major installations as Scott Air Force Base will stay open was greeted with “loud applause.”
- That CO has no closures and will gain jobs was called good news for the state by Wayne Allard, R-Colo.



- "California has done very well in this round" of closures, Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Alpine), the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee said today

**Messages and quotes:**

- The aim to "promote jointness" – "The Pentagon also proposed eliminating scores of Reserve and National Guard bases, part of Rumsfeld's effort to promote "jointness" between the active-duty and reserve units." (NY Daily News, via an AP article).
- The updated NYT piece on immediate reaction to the closures:
  - Quoted Loren Thompson of the Lexington Institute: "savings are generated more by reorganization than closures"
  - Quoted Gen. Richard Myers: "The degree with which the services coordinate, integrate and operate together will be increased, and it will include how we manage some of our bases and posts."
  - The Secretary "sought to ease fears" about unemployment caused by closed bases.

**TELEVISION HIGHLIGHTS**

- "Bottom Line – the DoD needs the money. They want to make better use of tax payers' money" - (CNN)
- People in congress are saying "the battle starts today" – (Headline News)
- "There is life after closure but it is difficult" – Audience interview (Fox News Dayside with Linda Vester)
- We are going to fight this decision and we have plenty of ways to fight it – (MSNBC - Rep. Rob Simmons)
- Emphasis on which bases have had job gains (rather than losses) – (Fox News)
- BRAC sets-up a national competition between communities...that is what this process is about – (Fox News Dayside with Linda Vester)
- Historically, less than 10% of bases were able to get off the list - (Fox News Dayside with Linda Vester)
- Analyst: General Montgomery Meigs comments:
  - Efficiency is the core principle of this BRAC closure
  - Enhancement of "joint consolidation"
  - More open minded military culture
  - Biggest challenges: communities that lose jobs
  - BRAC is probably a combination of the transformation initiative and the wars overseas

## ONLINE EXCERPTS

### THE ATLANTA JOURNAL CONSTITUTION

#### ORIGINAL: Four Georgia bases on closure list

Ron Martz, Bob Kemper

9:24 AM

After surviving four previous rounds of base closings unscathed, metro Atlanta took a major hit on Friday in the latest announcement of facilities the Pentagon wants to shut down.

The Pentagon announced it plans to close three bases in the Atlanta area — Fort McPherson in southwest Atlanta, Fort Gillem in Forest Park and the Naval Air Station in Marietta. That will mean a loss of nearly 6,500 military and civilian jobs and about \$560 million in annual payroll.

While Atlanta was a major loser, the rest of Georgia fared well and the state will actually gain about 7,500 military and civilian positions...

State officials had no immediate word on the list but Gov. Sonny Perdue was holding a news conference and will visit each of the targeted facilities later today.

"We're disappointed. We think the community action group did a great job. ... We're prepared to challenge the recommendation," said Fred Bryant, deputy director, Georgia Military Affairs Coordinating Committee. "We don't know yet what were the key factors in the decision."

### THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

#### ORIGINAL: Illinois takes job hit but escapes major base closures

Rebecca Carroll, AP

8:56 AM CDT

Illinois would lose nearly 2,700 military and civilian jobs under base closures recommended Friday by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, but the state's major military installations would remain open.

Scott Air Force Base, located about 20 miles east of St. Louis, near Belleville, emerged as the big winner, gaining 797 military and civilian jobs. Great Lakes Naval Training Center in North Chicago is slated to lose 2,022 jobs...

The announcement that Scott would not close was greeted with loud applause and a standing ovation at MidAmerica Airport in Mascoutah, Ill., where Illinois U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin and Reps. Jerry Costello and John Shimkus held a news conference to announce its fate.

### DENVER POST

#### ORIGINAL: Colorado a Winner in Base Closure Plans

Mike Soraghan, Denver Post Staff Writer and The Associated Press

09:31:52 AM, updated at 11:00 AM

...Not only was Colorado spared any base closures, the state stands to gain nearly 5,000 military jobs... Members of Colorado's congressional delegation expressed pleasure over the plan's impact on the state.

"I think it's good news for Colorado and it's great news for the Colorado Springs area," said U.S. Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo., who served on the Senate Armed Services Committee until recently.

#### HOUSTON CHRONICLE

**UPDATED: 180 U.S. military bases targeted for closure by Pentagon**

AP - 10:08AM, updated at 10:39

...The 147th Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard will remain at Houston's Ellington Field under the plan. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said the wing's mission will be shifting from national defense to homeland security.

#### LA TIMES

**ORIGINAL: California Largely Spared in Latest Round of Base Closures**

Tony Perry, Times Staff Writer

...The Los Angeles Air Force Base, the language facility at Monterey and major Navy and Marine Corps bases in San Diego were spared in the Pentagon's list of bases proposed for closure, which was unveiled this morning.

"California has done very well in this round" of closures, Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Alpine), the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee said today...

California's biggest job loss appears to be the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Corona, which employs 900 workers and is listed for closure...

Although the Pentagon's list is meant to be only the beginning of the process, 85% of bases targeted by the Pentagon in the past have been closed

#### NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

**ORIGINAL: Pentagon Plans to Close 33 Major Bases - AP**

Liz Sidoti

12:44 PM EDT

#### NEW YORK TIMES

**ORIGINAL: Pentagon Proposal to Include Shutting 33 Major U.S. Bases - AP**

11:01 AM

**UPDATED: Pentagon Proposes Shutting 33 Major U.S. Bases and Other Cuts**

Eric Schmitt and David Stout - 1:11 PM

The bases proposed for closing include some familiar names in military history: the Navy's submarine base in New London, Conn., Fort McPherson in Georgia, Fort

Monmouth in New Jersey and the Pascagoula Naval Station in Mississippi. Scores of smaller installations would also be closed, and others would be consolidated...

While the list of recommended closings was smaller than expected, the reaction from those affected was intense.

Senator Joseph I. Lieberman, Democrat of Connecticut, called the recommendation to close the New London base, which would cost several thousands jobs, "irrational and irresponsible."

"It insults our history and endangers our future," he told The Associated Press...

"The savings projected by this round seem to be generated more by reorganization than outright closures," said Loren Thompson, a military analyst with the Lexington Institute, a consulting firm. "At present, the military is very inefficiently located and organized. Many facilities are sited in places that made sense a century ago but not now."

After more than two years of exhaustive study, this round of base closings is an integral part of Mr. Rumsfeld's strategy to revamp the military into a leaner, more agile force.

"The degree with which the services coordinate, integrate and operate together will be increased, and it will include how we manage some of our bases and posts," Gen. Richard B. Myers, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said.

Mr. Rumsfeld sought to ease fears in many communities that closings could leave thousands of local employees out of work. He cited examples of closed bases that had been converted into commercial airports and economic centers. And he pledged that the Defense Department would provide retraining for workers and economic aid to help offset the immediate economic impact in communities where bases close.

## USA TODAY

### **UPDATED - Battle over Bases Begins: Pentagon proposes closing of 33 major bases**

**-AP**

Updated 12:30 PM

...One major closure Rumsfeld seeks is Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota, home to 29 B-1B bombers, half the nation's fleet of the aircraft, and the state's second largest employer.

Republican freshman Sen. John Thune on Friday called the Pentagon "flat wrong" about Ellsworth, and he vowed to help lead the fight in the Senate to delay the entire round of closures. "We will continue to keep Ellsworth open," Thune said...

Rumsfeld also recommended closing the Naval Station in Pascagoula, Miss., which barely survived previous base closure rounds. The decision was a blow to Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., who had fought the 1995 round of closures. At stake are 844 military jobs and 112 civilian jobs...

New England took a major hit, and Connecticut suffered the biggest loss in terms of jobs with the proposed closure of the U.S. Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Conn. Shuttering the installation would result in the loss of 7,096 military jobs and 952 civilian jobs.

Calling the recommendation "irrational and irresponsible," Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.) said, "It insults our history and endangers our future."...

## WALL STREET JOURNAL

**ORIGINAL: Pentagon to Propose Closure - AP**

**UPDATED: Pentagon Proposes Closure Of About 180 Installations - AP**

10:55 a.m.

Later updated with AP piece

## WASHINGTON POST

**ORIGINAL: Pentagon Proposing to Shut 33 Major Bases - AP**

Liz Sidoti

11:01 AM

**UPDATED: Pentagon Proposes Shutting Walter Reed**

William Branigin and Ann Scott Tyson

12:54 PM

The Pentagon today proposed eliminating about 180 military installations across the country in a new round of base closures and realignments aimed at saving nearly \$49 billion over 20 years. One major proposal calls for essentially moving Walter Reed Army Medical Center from Washington, D.C., to a new state-of-the-art, jointly staffed facility in suburban Maryland...

Housing and some research facilities at the Walter Reed site in Washington would stay open, but the facility as it exists today would practically be shut down, and it would lose 5,630 military, civilian and contractor jobs...

Among the luckiest states on the list is Maryland, which gains 9,293 jobs -- more than any other state. The District loses 6,496 jobs under the proposal -- mainly from the loss of Walter Reed -- while Virginia loses 1,574.

The hardest-hit states include Connecticut, which loses 8,586 jobs; Maine, with a loss of 6,938 jobs; and Alaska, which stands to lose 4,619. Overseas, a total of 13,503 jobs would be cut in the closure or realignment of U.S. military installations in Germany, South Korea and elsewhere. Many of those jobs would move to the United States.

## TELEVISION EXCERPTS

**MSNBC**

5/13/2005 2:19:22 PM

**News caster:** Joining us to talk a little bit more about the strategic implications of today's announcement is MSNBC analyst Montgomery Meigs. Thank you so much for taking the time today. **Meigs:** Good to be on the show. **News caster:** It's unusual when you think about closures and the loss of jobs as something that might be helpful and might make a unit or a situation better. But can you explain to us why this realignment will make the military stronger? **Meigs:** Sure. There are three things that I see. First of all as general efficiency, a lot of these face that's are being closed can be consolidated with other functions. And can you get more things done for the equivalent DoD dollar. Efficiency

that is the first principle. Secondly, there is some joint consolidation going on. So, for instance, the third Army headquarters, which is now in Atlanta, is being moved to Shaw Air Force Base where it will consolidate with the Air Force headquarters that also works for U.S. central command. So that will make planning easier, coordination, etc. and enhance jointness. Finally within the Army, Chief of the Staff of the Army is breaking down some of the tribal barriers. He's consolidating the infantry and armor schools, a number of the logistics schools. That way you'll get much more open minded culture in the office corps of the army. **Newscaster:** Knowing Secretary Rumsfeld's vision of a more compact Army, do you think this was something that, perhaps, was always in the planning or is it a result of fighting two wars? **Meigs:** Well, I think it's a combination. For instance, foreman was up for election last time. This time they're going to close it and move the headquarters a little further north in the state of Virginia. And there are some things that have changed as a result of what we've seen in the last 10 years. Now the army is going to have more brigades than it has in the past. You have to have a place to put them. Some of that is deflected in the BRAC numbers. **Newscaster:** We talk about all the positive things that will come out of this. What is the difficult thing? What is the challenging thing? The not so great news today? **Meigs:** Well, you got to have some communities that are going to lose jobs. That's a painful transition process.

#### Fox News Channel

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Interviews with Tom Markham (Association of Defense Communities) and Jim Saxton (New Jersey, Congressmen)

Those that are losing will be trying to reverse the signatures of the Pentagon. That's what this process is about. **Linda Vester:** Tom, you have been through this. You know what the fight is like when you try to save your base. How often is it a winning fight? **Tom Markham:** Those hit during the first four rounds of closures said less than 10% of the communities were able to get off the list. We don't know about this round but that was the case in the last round. **Linda:** This is democracy in action, but, you know, communities who are supportive of the military are being forced to compete with each other to stay alive. **Rep. Saxton:** That's true. While, less than 10% of the bases may have gotten off before this is not a mission impossible task to get a base off the list. I would point out in 1989 and 1991 both those round of BRAC, Fort Dix was on the list and it got off. In 1993 McGuire Air Force base was on the list and it got off. So, we've got a good record of knowing how to do this in New Jersey, we'll spare no effort to try to make our case. **Linda:** I want to bring a member of the audience. Turn out this fellow is a retired Marine. I would have thought you would say not to close the base. But instead, you said no, close them down. **Audience Member:** I'm assuming all the work that's being done there can be done elsewhere. The reason they are closing them is they are obsolete or not need. If they are not needed they should close. **Linda:** How well do the communities get handled after the fact in terms of retraining and stuff like that? **Tom Markham:** There is some retraining that goes on. However, the main challenge after these bases do close is the economic recovery. As an example, in Denver we have been closed for 10 years. We lost 700 jobs and \$290 million a year spent on the local economy. Today we have 20,000 people living there, new houses, and a \$4 billion economic impact. The message is that there is life after closure but it's difficult.

**Headline News**

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**Newscaster:** Tens of thousands of military and civilian personnel could lose their jobs. Jamie McIntyre joins us live from the Pentagon with details. Hi, Jaime. **McIntyre:** Hi Kathleen. It started as a major military operation this morning lone capitol hill as several-inch-thick base closure recommendation report was delivered to capitol hill where lawmakers are very interested to hear whether their particular bases are being closed or scaled back or in some cases actually gaining, according to this Realignment plan released by the pentagon. Lets look at some of the major closures. Thirty-three major bases. Here are some of the top ones around the country. New England would lose the submarine base at New London and also the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard targeted there. The naval station in Mississippi is on the targeted list. Cannon air force base in Texas as well as Ellsworth air force base where they have the b-2 bombers. The Pentagon plans to keep the planes, just move them to other facilities. In some cases some of the bases are gaining in some personnel and responsibility. Again, twenty-nine of thirty-three major closures, twenty-nine bases where they are going to have major reductions. Then another forty-nine bases will be gaining either in personnel or missions under this Pentagon plan, which now goes to the base closure commission over the next couple of months. That begins its work on Monday when the Pentagon will formally present this plan and Defense Secretary Rumsfeld will testify favor of it. One of the arguments they are going to make is that this plan has been carefully worked out, the pieces are interdependent and to change one base could affect the whole plan. The commission is going to have to look at the whole thing in entirety whether it sends recommendation to the president and ultimately to Capitol Hill. **Newscaster:** Is there the possibility that the commission could change its mind about some of these closures or is this really a done deal?

**McIntyre:** well, in the past, the base closure commission has made some changes, but the prospect for any particular base is going to be kind of tough. The pentagon has spent a long time working up the rationale for each one of these. They say it is based on military necessity. They say they need the savings that have come from the base closings. The whole reason, there is an independent commission to do this is that if it were left up to congress, no base would ever be closed because members of Congress would simply stall.

**CNN**

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**Newscaster:** There's a lot of people crying foul already Jamie. We've received so many e-mails and viewers wanting to know, sort of asking the direct question, during a time of ""operation Iraqi freedom"" and other ongoing wars, why base closures? What's the strategy, militarily for safety here at home, homeland security and, of course, fighting wars overseas? **Jamie McIntyre:** it's a very simple answer is, they need the money. That savings that I talked about, the Pentagon needs that money for better weapons, better materials, to better use the forces. Right now they're spending a lot of money on facilities they don't really need. They haven't been able to close them since 1995 because of the politics and the very sensitive nature of these kinds of closings. Because in particular, in 1995, there were accusations of people playing politics with the list because of the

presidential election. It made it almost impossible for the Congress to agree to a round.  
They want to get as much savings as they can to make better use of the taxpayers' money.  
When it comes down to the base in your backyard people don't want to see that go.





## US Department of Defense

Update: May 11, 2005 – BRAC Overview

Following is some overview information about the forthcoming base realignment and closure recommendations. The Department has set up a special web page about BRAC. It can be accessed from the main DoD site, [www.dod.mil](http://www.dod.mil).

- **BRAC (base realignment and closure) is the process by which the Department of Defense can comprehensively assess and rationalize its infrastructure assets.**
  - The goal is to organize to support the warfighter for 21<sup>st</sup> century missions, rather than be organized around the infrastructure and architecture of the Cold War legacy systems.
  
- **The BRAC process will allow the Department of Defense to:**
  - Support ongoing force transformation. A key part of that is for DoD to rationalize (or “match”) its infrastructure to its force structure and mission.
  - Maximize joint utilization. This will allow the Services to better share resources and improve efficiency. It will also allow them to facilitate joint operations and joint training.
  - Convert waste to warfighting. Funds now used for maintaining capabilities that are no longer needed could be put to better use to support the warfighter.
  
- **Secretary Rumsfeld's recommendations for base closure and realignment are due to the BRAC commission “not later than” May 16.**
  - The nine-member independent commission is chaired by Anthony Principi, former secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
  - The commission will hold public hearings and visit installations.
  - The commission will then forward its report on the recommendations to the President by Sept. 8, 2005.
  - The President will have until Sept. 23, 2005, to accept or reject the recommendations in their entirety.
  - If accepted, Congress will have 45 legislative days to reject the recommendations in their entirety or they become binding on the department.

[\(link to timeline\)](#)
  
- **All bases are under consideration.**
  - By statute, all military installations are to be treated equally.
  - Secretary Rumsfeld and senior leadership have not set a number of bases that should be closed or realigned. There is no target for excess capacity that must be disposed of, or target for the amount of savings that must be achieved.
  - Targets have not been established principally because the secretary and senior leadership want the military value considerations required by law to drive the development of the recommendations.
  - A BRAC report submitted in March 2004 estimated there is 24 percent excess capacity in DoD. This should not be interpreted to mean one in four bases is going to be closed or realigned. Capacity is not the same as a base.
  
- **Military value is the primary consideration for BRAC recommendations.**
  - The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-501), as amended by the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2002, requires that

closure and realignment recommendations be based on published criteria that make military value the prime consideration.

- The department published draft selection criteria in the Dec. 23, 2003, Federal Register for public comment.
    - A January 2005 memorandum outlines military value and other considerations for BRAC. ([link to memo](#))
    - An October 2004 memorandum outlines military value principles. ([link to memo](#))
  - Another key pillar is the 20-year force-structure plan, which was provided to Congress earlier this year.
- A primary objective of BRAC 2005 is to examine and implement opportunities for greater jointness.
- The Joint Cross Service Groups established have greater breadth than in previous rounds.
  - Industrial activities, medical functions, headquarters and support, education and training, intelligence, supply and storage, technical, and medical functions are all being assessed from a joint perspective.
  - The decision process in this BRAC is joint from top to bottom.
- The Commission can change the secretary's proposed list.
- The Commission can only change the secretary's recommendation if they find that the secretary deviated substantially from either the selection criteria or the force-structure plan in developing his recommendations.
  - If an installation is not on the initial list, the BRAC commission can still recommend it for closure or realignment. The BRAC statute allows the Commission three different options: additions to the recommendations, expansions of the recommendations, and removal from the recommendations.
  - Historically, the BRAC commissions have accepted 85 percent of the department's recommendations.
- There have been four prior base realignment and closure rounds.
- The prior rounds were in 1988, 1991, 1993 and 1995.
  - The results have been 97 major closings, 55 major realignments and 235 "minor actions."
  - The net savings through fiscal 2001 was approximately \$18 billion. The yearly savings since 2001 is \$7.3 billion.
  - The fiscal year 2002 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the Department of Defense to pursue one BRAC round in 2005.

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Military analysts, et al, call

10 May 2005

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Room (b)(2) (OSD Public Affairs)

BRAC: Mr. Phil Grone, MG Ken Hunzeker

BACKGROUND – NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION

Mr. Lawrence: (in progress) The undersecretary of defense for installations and environment, Mr. Phil Grone, and MG Hunzeker, the vice director of the J-8 on the Joint Staff. For those not familiar with the Pentagon alphabet soup that's force structure, resources and assessment.

For our purposes here on the call, this information is on background. Any information to be quoted or referenced outside of this call should be referenced coming from a senior defense department official. Again, the call is on background.

I am going to go ahead and turn it over to Mr. Grone, who's going to open up with kind of a brief overview. Again, this discussion is on the base realignment and closure process. As the invitation stressed, there will be no specifics as to the recommendations discussed at this meeting. This will lay out the process that's brought us to where we are today, leading to the impending release of the recommendations in the coming weeks.

So, Mr. Grone?

Mr. Grone: Thank you, Dallas. Good afternoon everybody, how are you today? I just wanted to emphasize a couple of key points on both background and process. Many of you are probably aware of some of it, and I know General Hunzeker will wish to make a couple of points, and then frankly we'll leave as much time for questions as we can, because that's certainly always the most valuable point of these exercises.

As you all are very much aware, the secretary will shortly present his recommendations to the Independent Commission on Base Closure and Realignment, chaired by Secretary Principi. And the secretary (Rumsfeld) take this process, and the senior leadership take this process quite seriously. It's a matter of great importance to the department.

As you know, we've had four prior base realignment and closure rounds, and the result of that has been the closure of 97 major installations in the United States; 55 major realignments; and another 235 or so minor actions of one kind or another.

Based on the budget justification documents that (we?) provide to Congress, our net savings for all of those actions through the implementation period – basically through fiscal year 2001 – was about \$18 billion, and annually recurring savings that accrue to the department every year after that of about \$7 billion.

One of the key points about this round certainly, although savings are important and we'll talk a little bit more about this later on, is that military value was as a matter of policy in prior rounds and was mandated by statute for this round to be the highest consideration for the secretary's judgment in terms of what to recommend to the independent commission.

But as we've approached this process pretty consistently over the last two and a half years, we've had a handful of key imperatives that we've tried to guide ourselves by in this process. One, of course, is to further transformation, and a key part of that to rationalize our infrastructure to our force structure and our mission (sets? Sense?) to ensure have our footprint, our physical footprint where we can maximize capability and military efficiency and effectiveness.

A second key imperative for the department has been to find ways to maximize joint utilization of our assets. And really what we're trying to do here in many ways is look at these assets -- these key military installations, not simply as the asset that belonged to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force or the Marine Corps, but they are key national assets and how can we best position them to support the mission and to support the joint warfighter?

Certainly a third element in this will speak to some degree of savings is certainly we're very much interested in -- as we are in all of our programs -- in converting waste to warfighting. That's a bumper sticker, but really what we mean here is to the extent that we have frankly resources that we are expending either in terms of dollars or in terms of people from a force protection, for example, perspective; addressing or taking care of or supporting assets that we no longer require -- those are assets that are not being put on the pointy end of the spear to support the warfighter. So that is an important part of rationalizing our infrastructure.

The basic process is from a -- after the 16<sup>th</sup> of May remains very much the same it was in the past. It's an independent commission. The president ultimately will approve or disapprove the work of that commission in whole, but not in part. Congress has an opportunity to reject those recommendations in whole, but not in part. The commission can make some changes. The bar's a little bit higher this time.

The commission has to find not only that the secretary deviated substantially from either the force structure plan that we provided to Congress earlier this year, or our selection criteria. But they can only add an installation as a closure candidate and then actually vote to close it if seven of the nine commissioners agree and at least two of them have visited the installation.

But as we sort of have approached this process, you know, we have the joint process we've established -- the Service unique functions, and I'll largely call them the operational functions, have been handled by the military Services and analyzed by them separately in reporting those into the leadership. And then our common business oriented support functions have been handled by these Joint Cross Service Groups that we established.

And I think that this is really quite a key point. A fundamental lesson that we learned from prior rounds of base closure and realignment was that the joint process – the joint cross service group process to be specific – in (19)95 didn't yield much. So what the secretary and the leadership determined was that we would have Joint Cross Service Groups this time, but rather than have them narrowly constructed – in (19)95 we had a group on depot maintenance, so instead of having a group on depot maintenance, we had a group looking at the entire industrial activities of the department. Similarly for the medical world – instead of looking merely at medical – military medical treatment facilities, we're looking at the entirety of the medical asset base, rather than just looking at laboratories, looking at technical, as a business mission area, as well as adding things we have never done before, frankly, on a joint basis. Headquarters and support, our supply and storage activities, our education and training, to look at them in a comprehensive way.

And those groups had real authority to make real recommendations to the leadership, and as a result of that, we ended up with a process that resulted in not guaranteeing that every answer would be joint, but in guaranteeing for the common support structure of the department to support the warfighter, that these functions would get a joint look throughout the process.

Mr. Lawrence: If I could just ask whoever has their phone – if you could just set your phones on mute, we're hearing that you can't quite hear Mr. Grone on the line. So if you could all put your phones on mute, while he continues. And whoever's outside, if you could please put your phone on mute, that'd be great.

Mr. Grone: And so that's the entirety of the list. (Laughter.) No, just kidding. But I hope you can all capture that, because again, the real sort of point here was on the joint process is that we have tried to put an enormous emphasis on the joint and the joint process in this round. I know General Hunzeker has a couple points he'd like to make in that regard.

MG Hunzeker: Well, clearly, and I know you missed some of what Mr. Grone said so I'll reinforce a little bit of it, but as we looked across all the recommendations and the process that we embarked on this year, military value was really the primary consideration in assessing all the military bases.

And if you look at military value, I look at there basically being four pillars that I use to describe that support this process. Mr. Grone talked through those. But as we saw it from the Joint Cross Service Groups, and, you know, I worked with the vice chairman and the members of the infrastructure steering group, which is the ISG, included the service vice chiefs. So basically the same guys that are sitting at the (J-rock?) came over worked the ISG, so they were very familiar with what the requirements going into for the future force needed to be, so it really became a great sounding board for a lot of decisions that were being made.

But the four pillars, really – enabling transformation, which is critical. And we really looked at doing that by accommodating the redeploying forces both for IDPBS (?) and what's taking place with OIF and OEF, for anticipating and resourcing surge capabilities, because surge is a big issue coming up, and looking at that across operations training and logistics.

The second pillar is really enhancing combat effectiveness. And this is really examining and implementing opportunities for greater joint activity. In many cases this is accomplished by collocating and combining things like training, technology, depot maintenance, and things along those lines.

The third pillar we looked at was clearly cost. It's a huge issue. We looked at recurring annual savings, and converted, and how they could be converted to warfighters' resource savings in the out years, or even in the near years.

And then finally, I think what was really great about this process, is that we tried to work hard to ensure impartiality. It's a balance between what I talked about as far as military value, transformation, jointness, and how you maximize combat effectiveness.

I will tell you that the BRAC DoD organization, and Mr. Grone talked about this earlier, was key to success. They established – it was established early. It was clearly a unity of effort and a common focus. And from the meetings I was at and we supported and worked through, there was clearly an energy and a willingness to look at different ways of doing things. And the Joint Cross Service Groups I think were the real basis for success here. They allowed the Services to think out of the box, and take solutions that they might not have derived on their own.

And finally, from the joint perspective, we represent the combatant commanders involvement in this process; we went out and saw them on the road; we worked a reading room where they were familiar with every scenario that was being worked. And they were paramount to recommending – to making sure that we maximize combat effectiveness while preserving surge capability allowed us to continue to help protect the homeland.

I think I am ready for any questions you may have, and I think Mr. Grone is, as well.

Mr. Lawrence: If folks when they ask their questions if they could state their name and who they're representing on the call, that'd be great. With that, we'll open it up to questions.

Question: This is (Col) Jeff McCausland working with CBS News. Great overview. Quick question and (one other? Longer?) question. Quick question is I saw where Mr. Principi had commented about whether or not the governors have to be involved if you decide to close, let's say a National Guard's by like an airfield adjacent to a major airport, where there's a lot of you, we got fighter wings and all that kind of stuff. "A," can you

talk about that, and the longer question, can you talk about the coordination of this effort with the global restationing plan?

Mr. Grone: To the first question, I'll just reiterate what Mr. Wynne said in his letter to a number of members of Congress is that this department will follow all applicable statutes in developing options and recommendations to the leadership and ultimately for the secretary to consider for forwarding to the independent commission, and I wouldn't want to characterize it beyond that.

Your second question -- I want to be precise in the answer. Could you repeat for me, please?

Col. McCausland: Yes, could you talk about this process, and how it was coordinated with the global restationing plan, we (balance? Bounce?) out that effort with this effort.

Mr. Grone: Yes. We'll there are a number of misperceptions that have been out there with regard to some of the suggestions that have been made or characterization of the Overseas Basing Commission's work. And I know a lot of folks have had both before and subsequent to the release of their report questions about this.

One of the things bear mentioning is that the roots of the global posture review, the integrated global presence and basing strategy that General Hunzeker referred to both ways, has its roots in QDR one. And so we've been at this for some time. And subsequent to QDR one, the secretary provided directions to the combatant commanders to begin to develop options for the repositioning, resetting the force globally. And we began to work on that process in earnest.

Frankly, that process as it evolved, came together in a way and the decisions were rendered in a way that made them available to inform the BRAC process. And that's important, because to the extent that we were contemplating the return of forces from abroad to the United States, the BRAC process gives us a key opportunity to look at all of our installations and realign our mission sets in order to accommodate returning forces. Yes, that's true, but it gives us an opportunity to ask and answer the question where can returning forces best be positioned? As opposed to the question we'd have to ask and answer without BRAC which is largely where could we fit them?

And the timing of this, the length of time of consideration, the full involvement of the combatant commanders, the State Department, our interagency partners, our consultations with the Congress over the course of some period of time resulted in a fairly comprehensive report to the Congress last year -- last September, I believe -- that laid out our broad strategy for and decisions for how we would reposition the force globally.

Now certainly a lot of that will -- on the things that are overseas related will continue to take the form of negotiations with interested parties and host governments, but those pieces that involve the return of forces to the United States, particularly from Europe, are



strongly supported by the combatant commander, General Jones, and certainly in many ways he initiated a good deal of that. And we believe we're well positioned to implement this effectively.

MG Hunzeker: And Jeff, just to pile on, two points that Mr. Grone made that are critical here is that we had to build a program this fall that really supported what we wanted to do from a positioning our forces from overseas, and so we had to basically set the table for where BRAC could go. And in line with that, we worked with the Services to make sure that they'd build a force structure – put a force structure plan that we've already delivered to Congress that laid out exactly what we thought force structure would look like in the program review that we build simultaneously with the (? POM?)

Question: This is Ken Beaks from BENS (Business Executives for National Security).

Mr. Grone: Ken, how are you?

Mr. Beaks: Great, thanks. When we look at the list on Friday, because I know you don't want to say anything now about which ones are on there obviously, but when we look at the imperatives of furthering transformation and maximizing jointness, should we be looking for a significant number of active, operational joint bases or joint training bases? Is that something that we should expect? And as a second part of that, the secretary's backed off on the 20 to 25 percent excess capacity number to a number that's more like 10 to 12 I think he said the other day. But, we all know that some of the categories had a lot more than that going in. So, should we expect to see more significant cuts in things like depots and some of the labs and P&E facilities? Thanks.

Mr. Grone: Ken, to the first part of your question, I really wouldn't want to characterize what would be in the secretary's recommendations before the secretary makes his recommendations. And I don't think that would be prudent thing to do, even on background.

But once he comes to a final determination and makes his recommendations to the commission, we can talk about that and fully explain it in more detail.

I do want to spend a moment on this 20 to 25 percent excess capacity number because it has its roots in two studies that Congress requested be done over the course of a six-year period, first in 1998 and then in – for 2004, the latter part being part of the secretary's justification for additional round of – proceeding I should say with an additional round of base closure.

Those were perimetric (sp) estimates, based on base-loading constructs, and they were sort of comparative, relational ways of looking at number of people to a certain way of looking at an asset in a very linear, almost arithmetic way. It was NOT a BRAC analysis; it was not a military value analysis; it was simply a force-loading construct that if you had so many people at one point in time to so many acres, and those numbers changed

over time, what's the difference between the two? And assuming that you were optimally organized in the first instance, do you have excess capacity or under capacity?

All those studies were able to show us was that a gross order of magnitude that we had excess capacity throughout the department, in some cases over, in some cases under capacity, but in a lot of cases we had some excess capacity, and that only a true military value oriented analysis would show us how to rationalize that infrastructure in a way that made sense.

The secretary in his recent comments has commented on a couple of things in relation to the effect on the analysis of returning forces from abroad, as well as the requirement which would have been, again, a matter of policy but Congress included in the statute that we have to accommodate for reasonable expectation of surge. And so, when we sort of do all of that, I mean it was his judgment in looking at it that it wouldn't be 20 to 25 percent. And certainly one of the things about that number over time that got misinterpreted was that that somehow got translated into that that means the secretary believes that one in four bases should close. Capacity is not the same as a base. And so, through this process we will have, I hope - pending the secretary's decision, a robust, transformational BRAC, that we will do some things that are very, very important for the future of the armed forces and for the future of the department and for the future of the country.

But I wouldn't want to sort of characterize numbers or try to give weights, or try to characterize what you should more look for in the report. I think that would be a more fruitful discussion frankly on Friday.

MG Hunzeker: And as you look at the combat effectiveness across all the different Services, I think the answer to your question also Ken is the collocation Mr. Grone's talking about, and the combining of training, technology, laboratories, depot maintenance, supply chain management operation, things along those lines, that's where the Joint Cross Service Groups really came in and made their impact. So basically, they were empowered to go and look at different ways of doing it, either from a business practice or what made sense basically for example, how you might want to do something in education and training. So they were able to look, you know, not only across the department, but at each Service to see what made sense there. And I think when what comes out on Friday that you'll basically see - that will be the fruits of that product.

Question: David Rodriquez, the national commander of the American (GI?) Forum (?). Basically what you're saying, we're setting up the military to be a brigade-sized unit, or first strike, and limit our division size, so this way we can kind of down-size the Service, and still be able to do the same kind of job. Is that what you're saying?

MG Hunzeker: I think what you're alluding to is basically where the Army is going with modularization. And there are some discussions and decisions that take place not only in the force structure for what the Army's putting in that will impact what could be

submitted in a BRAC submission. But that is germane to where we're headed but that's not really one of the things we're looking at as far as the BRAC process.

Question: Don Sheppard, CNN. What provisions have you made in this list for the homeland security mission?

Mr. Grone: Well the homeland defense mission of the department is covered – is governed by the selection criteria and if I can pull the selection criteria up here it's specifically mentioned here in criterion two, where we have to consider the availability and condition of land facilities and associated air space including, you know, the (?inaudible) number of missions, but to also include the homeland defense missions of the armed forces. So we have to take homeland defense into account, and we have.

Mr. Lawrence: Next question please. Are there any additional questions for the group? Thank you very much. Just to reiterate, this was on background, any quotes to be used should be quoted as senior defense department officials. And we look forward to talking to you folks, in the near future.

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CAPT Merritt:

Per my quick conversation with you in the hall (and with (b)(6) at his desk) attached is my memo about possible points that I think Mr. Grone should consider addressing when he makes the military analyst, et al call this afternoon at 1430.

They're my very "street person's" suggestions of lingering questions/misconceptions I think are out there about BRAC.

Thank you, (b)(6)



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Suggested topics/questions for military analyst/think tank, etc. call 1430 on 10 May

### Myths v. Facts

1. There's a popular misconception that base cuts are being fueled in large part because of budget concerns. What part does saving money play in BRAC? Is it more or less important than structuring forces to fight future wars?

Example from yesterday's Early Bird from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "BRAC is a recurring effort by the Pentagon to cut costs by closing some of its excess military facilities. Later this week, for the first time in a decade, the military will offer a list of bases it wants to close or realign."

2. Some people are under the impression that there are a certain number of bases slated to be cut (generally they cite one in four). Is there in fact a specific target number for cuts or realignments?

Example (from today's Early Bird, a 09 May Colorado Springs Gazette article). "Colorado Springs' four Air Force installations and one Army post appear safe, because of development in the past decade and their missions. In fact, the local facilities could grow because of cutbacks elsewhere. **The Pentagon had hoped to trim 24 percent of its domestic base square footage — about 100 of the nation's 425 bases.**"

3. Review timeline for release. Will anyone "important" see the list ahead of time? (Committee chairman, base commanders, etc.)
4. Review accuracy of claims by various governors (Illinois) that a National Guard facility cannot be closed without the governor's consent.

### Worth Repeating

1. The BRAC Commission is independent. (Discuss role of DoD support to Commission if commissioners/staff request help.)
2. Bases can be taken off the initial list, and bases can be added. (Explain procedure.)
3. Repeat how many overseas troops are expected to return home and touch on timeline if possible. The number 70,000 troops has been thrown around a lot, as 100,000 family members. (Note, sometimes people say 100,000 family members; sometimes they say 100,000 family numbers AND civilians. Which is it?)

### Lingering Questions

1. Explain how base closings and realignments will be affected by forces returning from Korea and Europe. Include an answer to the question of how can we recommend domestic bases be closed when we haven't announced yet which overseas forces will be returning?
2. Talk in layman's terms about the difference between the words "capacity" and "infrastructure." People are taking the "24 percent capacity" figure and translating it to mean one out of four bases will be closed or realigned.
3. Revisit the secretary's comments from his presser two weeks ago (and also apparently from his conference call with reporters last week) that there will be fewer bases closed/realigned than previously thought (half the 24 percent number being thrown around).
4. What role does the base's contribution to the local economy play?

Here's a quotation from an article in today's Early Bird from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch (talking about affect of Scott Air Force Base across the river in Illinois).

**"The Defense Department and the Base Realignment and Closure commission consider only a base's military value, not its impact on the local economy, when deciding which installations to close. For that reason, arguments about a potential "brain drain" from the Metro East area, where most of the Air Force veterans live, are not likely to influence the process."**

But in the 05 January 2005 memorandum from Mr. Wynne (posted on web site) on BRAC selection criteria, "other considerations" (apart from military value) are listed, including this as No. 6, "The economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of military installations."

5. Discuss the relationship between QDR and BRAC (and explain QDR).
6. Discuss the importance of "jointness" and give a layman's description what jointness is.

### Press Misconceptions – Fueled by Local Reporters

1. Dispel the urban myth that having a commission member from your home state (or branch of service) or a high-ranking member of Congress in leadership or on a relevant committee gives a base an "inside edge" against being closed. (e.g., Senator Sam Nunn saved bases in Georgia during the last rounds; bases in Texas are safe because that's the President's home state; they'll never close Selfridge Air National Guard Base in suburban Detroit because Carl Levin's the ranking member).

Example from 08 May Atlanta Journal-Constitution article. "Although BRAC is supposed to be politically neutral, the influence of Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), who chaired the Senate Armed Services Committee until his retirement in the mid-1990s, could not be discounted. Chambliss is a member of the committee, now chaired by Virginia Republican John Warner. With Nunn gone, some have speculated that BRAC could be gunning for Georgia."

2. Any truth to the rumor that because a base "survived" being cut in past rounds, its luck is running out this time and it's the end of the road? Or did all bases start with a clean slate?
3. Clarify what role geography plays. Is it given consideration? Some reporters are writing that a base is "safer" because it's in middle America; others write that because the base is on a coast, it's better suited for defense.

#### Miscellaneous

1. The word "surge" was added to criterion three for the BRAC criteria. Define surge and explain its importance.

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 10, 2005 9:43 AM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Tomorrow's conference call

yes, plan to attend the meeting. also, can i get the read-ahead? thanks.

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

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 10, 2005 8:34 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Re: Tomorrow's conference call

Eric, I certainly hope so. As I mentioned to the cdr last night I thought he was up to speed. But to make sure everyone is comfortable we will do a read ahead for the conf call for grones folks. He will have it by 930. Should I be at the 11 I'm not currently on the invite for those, seems like something I might want to stand in the back for in the event this comes up.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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**Sent:** Tue May 10 08:24:10 2005  
**Subject:** RE: Tomorrow's conference call

dallas, how does this stand? there is an 11 a.m. brac meeting, the usual meeting led by ldr, and we'll need to know what has been discussed to that point. is phil going to be up to speed? thanks.

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

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
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**To:** <sup>(b)(6)</sup> CDR, OSD-ATL; <sup>(b)(6)</sup> CIV, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Re: Tomorrow's conference call

Cdr,

Apologies, I'm a bit confused. I was asked to open this call to military analysts (folks usually in our camp) formers, think tankers (this group is a mixed batch) and vso and msos. The format is as we discussed and as I discussed personally with mr grone last week, brief opening remarks that sketch out the process to date (as referenced in the email invite that was cleared by all parties on friday) and an update on where we are in the process. We can have this on background if that makes everyone more comfortable.

Happy to do whatever folks are comfortable with.

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Sent: Mon May 09 19:48:07 2005  
Subject: RE: TomOrrow's conference call

(b)(6) Dallas,

What exactly is the plan/venue for this conference call? Is this going to be a purely a Q&A session or do you expect Mr. Grone to open with remarks or something else? We should not be shooting from the hip at this point. I need to know so that I can pass to Mr. Wynne's staff to see if he will participate. Without the plan/venue Mr. Grone may not do it...

Looking at the line-up we have a couple of lobbyists and several on the record hostile experts. I believe Mr. Grone will take issue with that with DiRita.

R.

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To: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; ([b)(6)] CDR, OSD-ATL;  
Grone, Philip, Mr, OSD-ATL; Thorp, Frank, CAPT, OCJCS/PA  
Cc: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
Subject: Tomorrow's conference call

all -

here is the list of those who have rsvp'd to call in tomorrow. i expect there will be more added as the time gets closer. as always, this list is close hold. thanks. tj

Mr. Jed Babbin	(USAF, JAG)
Colonel Gordon Cucullu	(USA, Retired)
Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer	(USA, Retired)
Colonel Jeff McCausland,	(USA, Retired)
Captain Chuck Nash	(USN, Retired)
Major General Donald W. Shepperd	(USAF, Retired)
General Charley Wilhelm	(USMC Retired)
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Taite Bergen	(The Cohen Group)
Jim Noone	(The Washington Group)
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Brigadier General (Ret.) Stephen Koper	(President, NGAUS)
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**To:** Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** (b)(6) AFPS  
**Subject:** Military Analyst Conf Calls

Dallas/ (b)(6)

As a followup to last week's discussions, what military analyst conference calls on BRAC are scheduled for this week??

I've had reporters in covering these regularly, so I want to get our BRAC expert pointed in the right direction at the right time during this BRAC-busy week.

Thanx.

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Monday, May 09, 2005 11:11 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Re: (FOUO)

I'm confused then. What did you mean by your email. Frank thorp was confirming 230 to 330, yet your email said "whose idea was it to change the time". What r u talking about?

My brain is a very fragile instrument, don't confuse it with all this mumbo jumbo.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA (b)(6)  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA <Dallas.Lawrence(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Mon May 09 21:08:29 2005  
**Subject:** Re: (FOUO)

Yep.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

**From:** Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA <Dallas.Lawrence(b)(6)>  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Mon May 09 20:53:11 2005  
**Subject:** Re: (FOUO)

Hasn't it always been 230 to 330?

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA (b)(6)  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA <Dallas.Lawrence(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Mon May 09 19:30:21 2005  
**Subject:** Fw: (FOUO)

Whose idea was it to change the time and how come we're just hearing about it now? Any ideas?

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**Sent:** Mon May 09 19:31:14 2005  
**Subject:** RE: (FOUO)

The military person will be Major General Hunzeker, deputy J8. Please let us know ASAP if the time changes from 1430 to 1530.

Frank

Frank Thorp

Captain, USN  
Special Assistant for Public Affairs  
to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

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

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Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Thorp, Frank, CAPT, OCJCS/PA  
Subject: RE: (FOUO)

we will stand by. Captain, we are currently planning to have the call in allison's office.

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2005 9:50 AM  
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OSD  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Thorp, Frank, CAPT, OCJCS/PA  
Subject: RE: (FOUO)

all, be aware that capt. thorn is looking into whether there is a military person on the joint staff who will join (b)(6) on tuesday. thanks.

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

From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2005 9:39 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV, OSD; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
Subject: RE: (FOUO)

roger that, just wanted to make sure as everyone is working from this document this week that we had it listed correctly, as one conference call on this Tuesday. Mr. Grone will be the dod rep on the call and we can either set it up from his office or from allison barber's office. Thanks and sorry for any confusion.

dl

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

From: (b)(6) CIV, OSD  
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2005 9:34 AM  
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
Subject: RE: (FOUO)

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It's on there are items 42, 43 and 44--originally scheduled for last week.

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

From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2005 9:27 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV, OSD  
Subject: FW: (FOUO)

Noticed our conference call for tomorrow is not on the matrix. Invited participants: Military Analysts, Formers, VSO, MSO and Think Tankers. Conference call is with Mr. Grone from 2:30 - 3:30. Can you please add me to the distribution list? thanks.

dl

Dallas B. Lawrence



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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Monday, May 09, 2005 9:07 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Today's Spectator (Babbin)

**Tracking:** Recipient Read  
(b)(6) CIV OASD-PA Read: 5/9/2005 9:12 AM

Good article!

Thanks

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**Subject:** Today's Spectator (Babbin)

[http://www.spectator.org/dsp\\_article.asp?art\\_id=8138](http://www.spectator.org/dsp_article.asp?art_id=8138)

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**Subject:** Today's Spectator

I'm Volckering along nicely, thank you. How's by you?

The American Spectator

**Jed Babbin**

(b)(6) (home office)  
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**From:** Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 08, 2005 2:20 PM  
**To:** Henry, Ryan, HON, OSD-POLICY  
**Subject:** Re: Reponse to the OBC Report

Tnx. By friday, it'll be all brac but there may be some cleanup on obc.

We have a regular brac rollout steering group that met and discussed this subiect friday. We'll be regrouping sometime monday if you can be there. Tnx

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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**From:** Henry, Ryan, HON, OSD-POLICY <Ryan.Henry@osd.mil> (b)(6)  
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**Sent:** Sun May 08 14:16:59 2005  
**Subject:** Re: Reponse to the OBC Report

Larry -

All week, except Friday. But if there's something critical to do I'll change my Friday speaking engagement on in LA.

Regards -- Ryan  
(from my Blackberry gizmo)

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**Subject:** Re: Reponse to the OBC Report

Ryan--we're at the point where we probably will need dod officials, on the record. We're considering next steps. Are you in this week?

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**Sent:** Sun May 08 14:05:54 2005  
**Subject:** Reponse to the OBC Report

Bryan -

If you're interested we're ready to support a backgrounder to military analyst / talking heads regarding OBC Report - BRAC nexus. You Pafolks know best, but I'm concerned about



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**Subject:** Re: jed babbin/laura ingrahm

No problem.

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**Sent:** Thu May 05 20:03:51 2005  
**Subject:** RE: jed babbin/laura ingrahm

I'd prefer not to do this, purely from a time problem...

Frank

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Special Assistant for Public Affairs  
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**From:** Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2005 5:29 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OSD; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Helmick, Frank, BG, OSD; Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; Thorp, Frank, CAPT, OCJCS/PA  
**Subject:** RE: jed babbin/laura ingrahm

I just got off the phone with him and gave him what I could on Abu Faraj Al-Libi. He mentioned that he would like to have Pace or Myers in the Friday show, so I will pass that request off to Frank Thorp.

**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OSD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2005 5:16 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Helmick, Frank, BG, OSD; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: jed babbin/laura ingrahm

Eric, I just spoke with Jed and told him that PW would not be able to do the interview. He completely understood and said he would be in touch in the future. -- Charley

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2005 12:22 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OSD; Helmick, Frank, BG, OSD  
**Cc:** Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA  
**Subject:** jed babbin/laura ingrahm

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touch with jed, yea or nay. thanks.

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2005 3:33 PM  
**To:** Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE:

Mr. Jed Babbin (AF, Former JAG)

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Telephone:

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[jedbabbin@](mailto:jedbabbin@)

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**From:** Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2005 3:32 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Keck, Gary, Col, OASD-PA; Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE:

Dallas, What's Babbin's number -- I'll call him on the Arrest of Abu Faraj Al-Libi

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2005 3:30 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA; Keck, Gary, Col, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE:

no clue. i think he should go outside to a former of some type.

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2005 12:06 PM  
**To:** Keck, Gary, Col, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:**

thoughts?

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**From:** jedbabbin@[\[mailto:jedbabbin@\]](mailto:jedbabbin@)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2005 11:57 AM



To: dallas.lawrence@[REDACTED]

urgent: WHO IS AN EXPERT ON CHEMICAL INTERROGATIONS? I'M SUBBING FOR LAURA INGRAHAM TOMORROW AND FRIDAY. I NEED A GUEST TO TALK ABOUT HOW WE CAN SHOOT THIS BUTHEAD SO FULL OF VERSED THAT HE THINKS HE'S TALKING TO ALLAH. LEMME KNOW ASAP, PLEASE. I'M ON THE AIR 12-2 TODAY; LAURA'S SHOW IS 0900-1200.

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**From:** Helmick, Frank, BG, OSD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2005 2:45 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OSD  
**Cc:** Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: jed babbin/laura ingraham

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Thoughts?

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-- stand by for scheduling change.

**FRANK HELMICK**  
**BG USA**  
**SENIOR MILITARY ASSISTANT TO THE**  
**DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2005 12:55 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: jed babbin

*We are gathering info now.*

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2005 12:25 PM  
**To:** Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA  
**Subject:** jed babbin

as you may infer from my earlier email, jed has called. he'd like to talk w/someone about the capture of the #3 guy in al queda on friday -- what it means, etc. -- while he is guest hosting the laura ingrahm show. jed says he'll talk with the person anytime between 9 and noon. can your shop please work this? please have whomever you tag cc me so i know what the status of this is. i'm out of the middle but want to be kept apprised, which i'm sure you can appreciate. thanks, eric

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**From:** Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2005 10:16 AM  
**To:** 'Paul Vallely'  
**Subject:** RE: Call in number

**Attachments:** image001.jpg; image002.jpg



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image002.jpg (4 KB)

im getting (b)(6) to send it to you now

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**From:** Paul Vallely [mailto:paulvallely@ (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2005 10:16 AM  
**To:** 'Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA'  
**Subject:** Call in number

Dallas: I lost the call in number for today's conference call. Can someone send to me?  
Thanks. When is our next trip??????????

<http://www.foxnews.com>

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Paul E Vallely  
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Add me to your address book.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Monday, May 02, 2005 8:11 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Jed Babbin (American Spectator)

The American Spectator

Pooty-Poot's Middle East

By Jed Babbin

Published 5/2/2005 12:08:45 AM

In what will certainly be her last masterwork, the 2002 Statecraft, Margaret Thatcher insists the West can help Russia become "a real free-enterprise economy based on sound money, low taxes, limited government and above all a rule of law." Thatcher says that, "above all, perhaps, we have to be patient." Which is good counsel regarding Russian internal change. But -- in its external affairs -- Vladimir Putin's Russia is in a hurry. It is working fast and hard to undermine everything we are trying to do to reshape the Middle East. We can have no patience with Putin's efforts to thwart what we must do.

The most painful moment in the President's news conference last Thursday night wasn't when the networks cut him off to chase the May ratings sweeps. It came much earlier when he was describing his relationship with Putin. The President said, "I had a long talk with Vladimir there in Slovakia about democracy and about the importance of democracy. And as you remember at the press conference...he stood up and said he strongly supports democracy. I take him for his word." For a man who supports democracy, far less strongly, the former KGB capo has a funny way of demonstrating it.

One night about two years ago an Israeli alarm clock -- in the form of a pair of F-16s that snapped a sonic boom over his house at about 0300 -- woke Syrian President Bashar Assad with sufficient suddenness to justify a change in bed linens. That wake-up call threw enough fear into him to slow his terrorist surrogates' operations against Israel for a short while. Since then, Assad has come to feel protected. First, by President Bush who -- declining to take action against Syrian support for the Iraq insurgency -- has effectively granted the insurgents a sanctuary in Syria. Second, by Putin who is helping Assad help the terrorists.

Having placated the U.N. by withdrawing about 14,000 Syrian troops from Lebanon, and leaving their intelligence structure behind to continue supporting Hezbollah and their ilk, Putin is selling Syria Iglas-8 shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles to deter Israeli or American air attacks. Mr. Bush's reaction was all too tepid. We're protesting the sale of the vehicle-mounted Iglas, not the man-portable ones. The man-portable version is

less capable, but not much. And these missiles are a danger to us as well as the Israelis.

The Pentagon knows where at least some of the terrorist camps in Syria are, from which the insurgents in Iraq are operating. The new Iraqi government hasn't yet given us permission to operate from Iraq against these camps. As tolerant as we are of the Iraqis' struggle to organize their new government, we can no longer allow their indecision to protect the Syrian sanctuary the terrorists now enjoy. If we can't launch our special ops people against these camps from Iraq, we can hit them from the air with cruise missiles and manned aircraft. The Russian sale of the Igla-8 to Syria puts American lives at risk. This missile, relatively new, is capable of penetrating most of the defenses our aircraft have against heat-seeking missiles such as these. There is no other way to put it: Russian sale of these missiles to Syria is meant to deter American and Israeli air strikes.

At the same time Putin is defending democracy by arming Syria, he is also doing everything he can to support Iran's nuclear program. Russia, of course, was the primary builder of the Iranian nuclear program and continues to be its principal supplier. While the EU-3 (Britain, France and Germany) were trying to negotiate Iran out of its uranium enrichment program again last week, Putin offered to supply Iran with nuclear fuel for its reactor and then collect the spent fuel so that Iran couldn't further enrich it into weapons-grade uranium. Mr. Bush said he appreciated Putin's gesture, and that Putin understands the dangers of an Iran with a nuclear weapon. He does, indeed. And we would be absurdly naive to trust Putin to prevent the Iranians from making fissionable material.

CAN ANYONE BELIEVE IT a coincidence that while Putin is allying Russia with both Iran and Syria, those two nations are more or less formalizing the Axis of Evil? Last February, Iranian veep Mohammad Reza Aref said Iran and Syria were forming a "common front." He said, "We are ready to help Syria on all grounds to confront threats." Syria's principal threats are Israel and America, and so they will remain as long as Syria is a state sponsor of terrorism. That the two terrorist states are allying more formally, with Russia playing the third-party co-conspirator, should send chills up every spine in western Europe. The last time this happened, Stalin was signing up to play second violin to Hitler.

While this is going on, Putin is also offering to train "security services" among the Palestinians and selling them helicopters and communications equipment. Unmentioned in Putin's trip to Israel last week were the armored personnel carriers he was also offering the Palestinians. It seems Mr. Bush's pal is eagerly seeking to restore Russian influence in the Middle East, but not in the interests of countering terrorism: only countering America.

In Statecraft, Lady Thatcher also wrote that, "The worst error, as always in dealing with Russia, is naivete." We need to be engaged with Russia, not to it. And whatever

passes between Iran and Syria, Russia must not aid or abet. Uncle Joe, as FDR and Churchill called Stalin, was taught an expensive lesson when Hitler invaded Russia in 1941. Putin would do well to remember that when the Germans retreated, millions of Russians already lay dead. And that as easy as it would be for terrorists to smuggle a nuclear weapon into the United States, it would be just as easy -- and far less a distance -- for them to smuggle one into Russia.

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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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2005 1:20 PM /  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** military analyst calls

**Attachments:** Picture (Metafile)

eric,  
here's a list of the calls we've done this year so far. let me know if you want to go back further. thanks. tj

### 2005 Military Analyst Briefings

January 4: Update on PACOM with Admiral Fargo

January 25: Update on Supplemental Budget Request with Comptroller Jonas and Vice Admiral Willard

March 9: Update on DoD Detention Operations with Vice Admiral Church

March 18: Update and information on NDS and NMS with Undersecretary Feith and Rear Admiral Sullivan

March 30: Update and information on operations in Iraq with Lieutenant General Smith

April 6: Update on the contract for the Future Combat Systems program being fielded from 2004-2005 with Brigadier General Charles Cartwright.

April 22: Update and information on operations in Iraq and on VCJCS being named Chairman with Brigadier General Carter Ham and Larry Di Rita

*Respectfully,*

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**From:** (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2005 8:37 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Feith Radio interview

Ok, we go live at 1336 hrs with USDP Feith and Jed Babbin on wmet, part of the IDF national network. The Producer, Seth Unger, is at (b)(6) Bob, could you call him? It's taken me two days to get this guy on the phone and I don't get the impression they're overly organized. He said he'd touch base with you but I'd feel better if you called him. Really appreciate it! See you about 1320 to get set up.

Jed Babbin numbers: (b)(6) (home office)  
(b)(6) (home fax)  
(b)(6) (mobile)

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
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**To:** (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Keck, Gary, Col, OASD-PA (b)(6) (E-mail); Bryan Whitman (E-mail); Roxie T. Merritt (E-mail)  
**Subject:** RE: Feith Radio interview

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We do have ISDN and can reserve the Small Studio for you. Have the producer and technical person call (b)(6) at (b)(6) to coordinate the ISDN.

All the best,

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**From:** (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA  
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**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Keck, Gary, Col, OASD-PA  
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**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2005 5:38 PM

**To:** (b)(6) COL, OSD-POLICY

**Cc:** (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2005 3:50 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Keck, Gary, Col, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD-PA  
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**From:** (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA  
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**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Keck, Gary, Col, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD-PA  
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yes and yes--will be at both; Maggie say we're calling 5:15-5:45.

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**Subject:** RE: Feith Radio interview

for the pre-call tonight with babbin and feith. are you thinking about either monitoring or sitting in? i'm presuming you're doing the show with doug in the small studio so it might be helpful for you to hear the conversation tonight, either via a conference call or in person. thanks.

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2005 3:27 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Jed Babbin called. He will not be hosting for Laura Ingraham; does not need DSD (b)(6)

**Attachments:** (b)(6) Capt. USMC, OASD-PA.vcf

Semper Fidelis.  
Captain (b)(6) USMC  
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Capt. USMC, OASD..

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2005 3:00 PM  
**To:** Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** FW: Per Request Yesterday on IG Report

we briefed the military analysts on the church report, i believe. is that the most recent relative to this issue of punishment, etc.? thanks.

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

**From:** (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/CNS [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2005 1:37 PM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, CIV, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA; (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/CNS; (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/MO  
**Subject:** Per Request Yesterday on IG Report

*Per your request yesterday on coverage of the IG report, here is an article that came out this morning. It is starting to get picked up by several online outlets.*

*We thought it was of particular interest because it's penned by former White House reporter Helen Thomas, and because she now has a syndicated column at Hearst.*

**Pentagon Report On Abuse Has To Be Joke**

Top Brass Exonerated; GIs Blamed  
Helen Thomas, Hearst White House columnist

POSTED: 10:14 am EDT April 28, 2005

The Pentagon has got to be kidding.

It turns out that only those rogue enlisted men and women, and one woman general, are to blame for the horrifying treatment of prisoners and detainees of the Iraqi war, according to Lt. Gen. Stanley Green, the Army Inspector General.

He cleared four senior Army officers of any responsibility for the abuse of prisoners at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison after reviewing the results of 10 separate inquiries into the prison abuse, some of which the world was able to view through photos.

In effect, his report is the final word unless there are some brave members of Congress who are willing to investigate the role of the military higher-ups who gave the green light for the severe interrogation of prisoners in U.S. custody.

The responsibility ultimately lies with President George W. Bush, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales -- then White House counsel -- who decided that the Geneva Conventions on Humanitarian Treatment of Prisoners of War didn't apply in the "war on terrorism."

Among the military hierarchy, only Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, an Army reserve officer who commanded the military police unit at Abu Gharib, has paid a price. Karpinski, who was relieved of her command and given a written reprimand, claims she is a scapegoat and plans to fight the charge.

The military has targeted 125 individuals with either criminal or administrative charges in connection with 350 cases of abuse in Iraq and Afghanistan. Six low-ranking servicemen have been convicted or pleaded guilty to abuse-related charges.

\* In a recent interview with the San Francisco Chronicle, Karpinski pointed to the role of Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Miller, who had been sent from his duty at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba prison -- known as "Gitmo" -- to Iraq where his orders were to "Gitmoize" Abu Ghraib. Miller told officers there "to treat the prisoners like dogs."

Green exonerated Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez, who headed the command in Iraq from June 2003 to July 2004. Green said charges against Sanchez and three of his senior deputies were "unsubstantiated."

So, once again, it's those GI renegades whose imaginative abuse of prisoners ran to nakedness, stacking nude men in a pyramid and using leashed dogs to intimidate during questioning.

Bush has piously stated that he was opposed to torture. Fine. But the proof of the pudding is for him to issue an executive order against torture and to announce that the U.S. will once again abide by the Geneva Conventions.

Civil rights groups, including Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and the American Civil Liberties Union are appalled at the Green report.

Human Rights Watch called on Gonzales to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate the roles of all U.S. officials "who participated in, ordered, or had command responsibility for war crimes or torture."

The human rights group also called for a bipartisan probe -- similar to the 9/11 commission investigation -- to look into the roles of Bush, Rumsfeld and former CIA director George Tenet.

"We believe that if the U.S. is going to wipe away the stain of Abu Ghraib, it needs to investigate those at the top who ordered or condoned abuse, and to come clean on what the president has authorized and repudiate once and for all the mistreatment of detainees in the war on terror," said Reed Brody, Human Rights Watch special counsel.

He said the fact that the same kinds of abuses were going on in three different theaters (Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo) suggests that the responsibility is higher up.

The civil rights groups said the military appears to be incapable of investigating itself.

The Army inspector general's report follows the report in March by Vice Adm. Albert Church, the Navy Inspector General, who said he found no pressure from the chain of command that led to the prison abuses. Most of the Church report was classified but he found "no single, overarching explanation of the abuses."

Church said U.S. servicemen "at times may have permitted the enemy's treacherous disregard for the rules of war (to) erode their own standards of conduct."

Brody called it another "whitewash."

Anthony D. Romero, the ACLU executive director, denounced the latest Army inquiry giving the topside of the Pentagon a clean bill of health.

"The government cannot ignore the systemic nature of the torture that implicates the military chain of command to the very top," he said.

Oh, yes, it can. It already has done so.

(Helen Thomas can be reached at the e-mail address [hthomas@hearstcd.com](mailto:hthomas@hearstcd.com)).

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**From:** Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2005 9:35 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA; (b)(6) COL, OSD-POLICY; (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY  
**Cc:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: Jed Babbin Bio

yes it is

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(b)(6) see bio. It's the same guy. v/r



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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2005 5:21 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Re: Feith radio

(b)(6) feith would like to talkw/jed before the interview, preferrably the day before. I meant to tell you this first thing today. Meantime I'll call jed. Has doug been scheduled? Thanks.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

**From:** (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA (b)(6)  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@ (b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tue Apr 26 15:30:09 2005  
**Subject:** RE: Feith radio

What is Jed's email or phone? Since Feith can't talk China but will talk his normal GWOT strategy, want to make sure this is good with Jed

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## Jed L. Babbin

Jed Babbin is the best-selling author of, "*Inside the Asylum: Why the UN and Old Europe are Worse than You Think*" (Regnery 2004). He is a former Air Force officer who served as a deputy undersecretary in the first Bush administration (1990-1991).

Mr. Babbin writes regularly for *National Review Online* and for the *American Spectator Magazine*. His weekly column, "Loose Canons", appears in *The American Spectator Online*. Mr. Babbin's expertise is in national security and foreign affairs. However, he also writes about legal matters and for *The American Spectator's* "Saloon" series on subjects such as single barrel bourbon and fine cigars. He also wrote the military adventure novel, *Legacy of Valor*. (Pentland Press, 2000).

Mr. Babbin is a military analyst and appears frequently on the Fox News Channel and MSNBC, on shows such as "The O'Reilly Factor", "Hardball with Chris Matthews", "Scarborough Country" and many others.

For about four years, Babbin served as designated guest host of Oliver North's "Common Sense Radio" when Col. North was unavailable. During the Iraq military campaign in 2003, Babbin subbed for North for nine weeks straight. Since then, Babbin has also subbed for Laura Ingraham and Greg Garrison.

Mr. Babbin is a graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology (B.E. 1970), Cumberland School of Law (J.D. 1973) and the Georgetown University Law School (LL.M. 1978).

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**From:** Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2005 9:54 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** FW: jed babbin/i.g. findings on sanchez, et al

Can you check with Army and see if they are interested.

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2005 9:52 AM  
**To:** Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: jed babbin/i.g. findings on sanchez, et al

agree on both assessments. can someone call alexander and liaise with him and babbin? thanks.

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**From:** Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2005 9:51 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: jed babbin/i.g. findings on sanchez, et al

Unfortunately Church is never going to happen -- maybe Alexander?

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2005 9:17 AM  
**To:** Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** jed babbin/i.g. findings on sanchez, et al

jed really wants to take on the post's editorial from yesterday and is looking for a guest on his program this week. he specifically mentioned adm church. any thoughts? thanks.

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**From:** (b)(6) OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2005 9:45 AM  
**To:** Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD-PA; Keck, Gary, Col, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA, (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA; (b)(6) CDR, OCJCS/PA; (b)(6) LTC OASD-PA, (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** FYI-transcript of BG Ham, Mr. Di Rita mil analyst call  
**Attachments:** 04-22-05 BG Ham, Di Rita Iraq.doc

Attached is a transcript of the call with the military analysts last Friday. DoD principals were BG Carter Ham and Mr. Di Rita. Topic was Iraq.

NOTE: Call was ON BACKGROUND. Transcript provided for your information to read what was said. Transcript was not provided to military analysts.

Both AFIS story (Garamone) and Talking Points (partial) were written off the transcript.



04-22-05 BG Ham,  
Di Rita Iraq....

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**From:** Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2005 8:28 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Re: feith radio

Not sure what you mean.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@<sup>(b)(6)</sup>>  
**To:** Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA <larry.dirita@<sup>(b)(6)</sup>>  
**Sent:** Tue Apr 26 08:22:39 2005  
**Subject:** FW: feith radio

here is where we run into problems.

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**From:** <sup>(b)(6)</sup> LTC, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2005 8:12 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; <sup>(b)(6)</sup> COL, OSD-POLICY; <sup>(b)(6)</sup> COL, OSD  
**POLICY**  
**Subject:** RE: feith radio

I have been told very specifically that Jed is not to ask and Mr Feith is to steer away from all China issues. Given that, I assume we will be prepping Mr Feith on QDR issues-- yes? Any other topics?

v/r

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2005 5:38 PM  
**To:** <sup>(b)(6)</sup> COL, OSD-POLICY  
**Cc:** <sup>(b)(6)</sup> LTC, OASD-PA  
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**To:** (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: jed babbin

Yea, but tell Jed, we don't do China

**From:** (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2005 5:09 PM  
**To:** Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: jed babbin

you want me to push forward on this....

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2005 10:40 AM  
**To:** Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: jed babbin

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**From:** Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2005 9:46 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Wheeler, Hollen Johnson, CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: jed babbin  
**Importance:** Low

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2005 9:24 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Wheeler, Hollen Johnson, CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: jed babbin

that's some good stuff. is this part of that master plan that mcgraw has pulled together with p/a's lead?

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2005 9:23 AM  
**To:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** Wheeler, Hollen Johnson, CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: jed babbin

Thanks...fyi, Grone is scheduled to do CBS Radio ( Bob Fuss) re BRAC tomorrow at 3:30...

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**From:** Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2005 9:18 AM

**To:** Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Subject:** RE: jed babbin

just exchanged emails with jed. he's not too keen on brac but is on china and qdr. feith is willing to do this provided there are no questions from callers, which is the case with jed -- he's the only questioner. thanks.

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**From:** Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2005 2:15 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA  
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**To:** (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA  
**Subject:** American Spectator (Babbin)

## AMERICAN SPECTATOR

Gilligan's Ghost

By Jed Babbin

Published 4/25/2005 12:06:02 AM

No, our Little Buddy is, at last reports, still in good health. But the other Gilligan -- Andrew, formerly of the BBC, the taxpayer-funded Brit network -- is being honored in practice if not in name. His bias and fabulism have been the foundation upon which the lads and ladies of the Beeb have built their newest and most direct participation in politics.

You remember Andrew. It was he who broadcast Baghdad Bob's line that American troops hadn't been able to capture "Saddam International" whilst the airport bar was being inventoried enthusiastically by our guys. Gilligan later made up the charge that Tony Blair "sexed up" the intel on Iraq, and was eventually allowed to resign. Now, campaigning against Tory Leader Michael Howard, the Gilligan-minded Beeb has managed to outdo CBS.

Gunga Dan and his crew of miscreants used forged documents to campaign against Dubya, but didn't go so far as to plant hecklers at campaign stops. That they left to Michael Moore. About a week ago, concerned that the campaign wasn't going badly enough for the Conservatives, the BBC crew covering a Tory event gave wireless microphones to hecklers in the audience who obliged by shouting, "Michael Howard is a liar," "You can't trust the Tories," and such while the Beeb crew recorded it all for later broadcast. Everyone in the UK who owns a television pays the BBC tax. CBS and the New York Times are horrifically biased, but at least we aren't forced to pay for their upkeep.

Freedom cannot be said to exist where people are forced to pay to support media that are engaged in partisan politics. (You can make the same case against NPR, but not to the degree of clarity that now pertains to the BBC.) If the BBC isn't forced to fire the reporters and producers involved in this episode, their conduct will encourage more political activism at the Beeb, and widen the cracks in British democracy. Why the Tories don't put an end to the BBC tax on their agenda is quite a mystery. Our democracy is in better shape, but not by much. Just ask John Bolton.



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I RETRACT THE APOLOGY I made to Sen. Chuck Hagel last week. Hagel turned coat so fast last week it left Dick Lugar's head spinning. Hagel's cover was blown when Sen. George Voinovich (RINO-Ohio) blindsided Foreign Relations Committee chairman Lugar and the White House by saying during last Tuesday's committee meeting on the nomination that he couldn't vote for Bolton. As soon as Voinovich headed to the tall grass, Hagel quickly joined him, as did hopelessly liberal Lincoln Chafee, and later the previously invisible Lisa Murkowski (Daddy's daughter -- Alaska). Neither Hagel nor Chafee had the cojones to be the lone -- or first -- Repub to go south on Bolton, but once Voinovich broke the ice, both were eager to jump in the hole. May it politically re-freeze over both their heads.

Bolton's nomination is in real trouble, enough that it may die in committee or be withdrawn. In this crisis, former Secretary of State Colin Powell is joining in the whispering campaign to sink him. Powell is reportedly "responding" to questions from the Republican defectors, fueling the fires of Bolton's unreasonableness and harsh treatment of staffers. You have to wonder: if Bolton was such a problem when he worked for Powell, why didn't Powell fire him? Maybe because those who were more on board with their president's agenda -- such as former Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, who spent ten years working with Bolton -- have a much less skewed view of the man.

Eagleburger made two important points in the Sunday Washington Post. First, that in many years working with Bolton he'd never seen or heard of Bolton abusing staff, and second that Bolton's blunt manner of speaking is just what we need now at the UN. Powell's involvement in the whispering campaign against Bolton is beneath him, or was. I'd thought better of him. I was wrong. But the Prez is right about a couple of other appointments he made last week.

It was more than just a little smart to appoint the first Marine Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In the Friday ceremony announcing the appointment of Gen. Peter Pace, the Prez said that all we needed to know about Pace is that he's a Marine. Yes, but we should take the trouble to know more. Like the fact that Pace is a combat vet, a real tough guy with a very large brain, and well respected in all the services. After announcing the Pace appointment, Dubya tried and failed twice to say the name of the man who is to be Pace's deputy. The prez (intentionally?) underestimated the difficulty he'd have in pronouncing Adm. Edmund Giambastiani's name, but he had no problem telling the world that the new team wouldn't stray from the path he and Donald Rumsfeld have set for fighting the war and transforming the sometimes-recalcitrant Pentagon. (That, by the way, is an unnoticed but huge vote of confidence in Rumsfeld.) Henceforth, by presidential order, the newly nominated deputy chairman of the Joint Chiefs will be known as "Admiral G."

BUT BACK TO EUROPE FOR more bad news. The EU-3 -- Germany, France, and Britain -- are readying themselves for another session of negotiations with Iran, slated for later this week. They continue to delude themselves, and anyone else who will

listen, that Iran can be talked out of its desire to build nuclear weapons. The EUnuchs want Iran to give up its uranium enrichment program (which the Iranians supposedly put on hold while the talks go on --yeah, sure). Iran, in a message designed to turn the heat up on the EU-3, said that if there wasn't progress on the last "compromise" Iran offered -- which, natch, lets them continue enriching some uranium for "peaceful" purposes -- they'd call the talks off. France wants to accept the Iranian promise, while the Brits are holding out for a tougher stance. Not that it means anything other than delaying the covert and overt actions we are going to have to take to force cessation of the Iranian program. It's either act or accept the fact of a nuclear-armed Iran. France, meanwhile, is more concerned with the EU constitution than the prospect of being incinerated by a terrorist nuke.

The week ended, as it had to, with yet another example of French churlishness. It was left to Nicholas Sarkozy, Mr. Bean look-alike and contender for the French presidency, to give the best reason to vote for the EU constitution. He said, "I am 50 years old, and it is the first time in French history that a person my age has not been asked to go to war for his country. That is for one simple reason: Europe." It had nothing to do with six decades of American defense of France. Nope, nothing at all.

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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**From:** Chuck Nash (nashc@<sup>(b)(6)</sup>)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2005 5:07 PM  
**To:** <sup>(b)(6)</sup> CIV OASD-PA; <sup>(b)(6)</sup> OASD-PA  
**Subject:** Re: FW: conference call follow up

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Thanks, have a great weekend!  
All the best,  
Chuck

(b)(6) CIV OASD-PA wrote:

Chuck, long time no talk to. Hope you are well. <sup>(b)(6)</sup> has forwarded the following to me to send to you. Give a shout when you get a chance.

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**From:** <sup>(b)(6)</sup> OASD-PA  
**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2005 12:24 PM  
**To:** <sup>(b)(6)</sup> CIV OASD-PA  
**Subject:** conference call follow up

Here's something you might want to send to Chuck Nash. Might help him a little. Not exactly armor, but...

Below is reference:

Chuck Nash: General, Chuck Nash, Fox News. Got a question about, you mentioned the forces going over, and making sure they're the right forces. The issue comes down to what we see a lot in the media which is, a recent article that we've lost, either total loss or bad enough that we had to ship them back to the States, 80 main battle tanks. We've got Strykers running around up north; the Army is looking at a fairly sizable investment in thing called FCS (Future Combat Systems) we're told will be a family of 18 lightly armored vehicles. And we're still getting people whacked on the road to the airport.

Would you just give me your thoughts on where this all goes, and are the lessons that we're learning about armor in Iraq real world? Are those lessons getting picked up and used in the Pentagon? Or are we still sort of keeping the power point slides that we're in the process still moving?

BG Ham: Well, I think it's clearly the case that the joint Services, and certainly all the individual Services are adaptive and learning organizations. There's been considerable effort trying to learn everything that we can from the ongoing operations. It's also fair to say that the enemy is learning and adapting. And clearly they're tactics, techniques and procedures as well. So this remains a very dangerous area.

My personal experience in the north is that I think we have done a pretty good job of learning from the past two years of operations inside Iraq, and are taking the necessary precautions. I think the Services are making the good material development decisions to counter this threat. But it is a very, very difficult environment, and remains a dangerous environment. So, I guess I would just leave it at that, to say we are learning. I am pretty confident that we are moving ahead and taking the lessons learned both from a material side and from a tactical employment side to do the best that we can.

Again, none of that will ever eliminate the risk entirely; it remains a dangerous place.

Chuck Nash: Thank you.

**DoD Joint Task Force Making Progress Against IED Threat By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample, USA  
American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON, April 18, 2005 - Crudely assembled and easy to make, improvised explosive devices are the biggest threat to servicemembers in Afghanistan and Iraq, according to the head of a new Pentagon task force looking into ways to better protect troops. "It is the method the enemy uses that accounts for most of the killed and wounded in action," Army Brig. Gen. Joseph Votel said. "It is the primary way the enemy makes contact with us. That's why it's so important that our soldiers pay attention to the training that they are getting." In an April 15 interview with the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service, Votel explained that training servicemembers how to be aware of IED threats has become a main focus of the new Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Task Force. In the summer of 2004, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz created the task force to come up with solutions to mitigate the effect of IEDs on servicemembers in Iraq. The Army created its own IED Task Force in 2003. Such training, the general said, has led to better odds for servicemembers to survive IED attacks. While the incident rate of IED attacks has gone up, the casualty rates are actually declining, he said. In 2003, a servicemember had a 50-50 chance of dying in an IED attack, Votel said. That number has since decreased to about 18 percent, he said. "We've done a pretty good job of trying to reduce the casualty ratio, and we've been able to reduce that by about 40 percent over the last year," he said. Votel said that one key area of training has been in situational awareness. "We've always been aware of unexploded ordnance hazards, and we've always sort of preached that from a safety standpoint, ... but making our servicemembers aware of this is a key piece," he said. Other efforts that have led to a decline in the number of casualties have come from experience gained in theater. The services have added more uparmored equipment and applied new technology, such as the use of "jammers" against "radio-controlled initiation devices," which Votel said have also proven to be effective. He said jamming technology is "no silver bullet," but it is "one tool in our tool kit that can be applied." Votel insisted the best weapon for servicemembers against the IED threat is "to be alert and to watch their surroundings." "The very best sensor we have out there is our servicemembers," he said. "We can't replicate their brains or their eyes, so we've got to train them what to look for." Still, he pointed out that the ultimate goal of the Task Force is to stop the "bombers and bombmakers" before they strike." His organization is also focusing on technology, training and operations that will allow the military to go after those responsible for IED attacks in the first place, he said. "A lot of our efforts can be focused on protecting ourselves against the blast," he said. "But ultimately, to defeat this threat, you have to go after the people that are actually doing this, ... to kill or capture them, so we prevent the IEDs from even being emplaced."

**Related Site:**

Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Task Force < <http://www.wood.army.mil/cehc/iedindex.htm>>

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any more details on this request we can provide phil grone? will this be via phone from his office/our studio? will there be call ins? how long on air? etc...

thanks--

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would need about 30 min, probably would be in our studio...

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**From:** Grone, Phillip, Mr, OSD-ATL  
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**Subject:** RE: jed babbin

How long? What is the format?

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA  
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**To:** Grone, Phillip, Mr, OSD-ATL  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CDR, OSD-ATL; (b)(6) OSD-ATL  
**Subject:** FW: jed babbin

any time next week to do another radio interview re brac process?

tnx--

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OSD Public Affairs - Military Analyst call  
With BG Carter Ham, Mr. Di Rita  
Friday, April 22, 2005, 1030 (6712) The Pentagon)  
Topic: Iraq  
**ON BACKGROUND**

Military Analysts on call (list provided by conference call company):

Jed Babbin (AF, former JAG) - American Spectator Magazine  
Maj. Gen. Bill Nash - Council on Foreign Relations  
Col. Ken Allard - MSNBC  
Col. Gordon Cucullu - Fox News  
CSM Steve Greer - Fox News  
CAPT Chuck Nash - Fox News  
CAPT Martin Strong - Fox News  
Maj. Gen. Paul Vallely - Fox News

Ms. Allison Barber: (in progress) Reminder this is on background and we also have Larry Di Rita with us this morning so he'll open up, and then we'll turn it over to General Ham. Thanks for joining us this morning.

Mr. Di Rita: Good morning. I wanted - the reason I wanted to join you - we're very grateful that General Ham is able to give us an update on kind of current ops in Iraq. General Ham just returned from the theater. He was commanding a task force up in Mosul and is now on the Joint Staff, and so he's got some very good insights, and fairly fresh insights, as to what's going on over there.

But I wanted to spend just a minute or two with you - I don't know if anybody had the opportunity to see the announcement that the president just made regarding the selection of the next chairman and vice chairman. I wanted to just see if there were any questions, but also to the extent that some of you might be out and get asked about it, the president's comments kind of speak for themselves.

These are two - first of General Myers has done a terrific job, and he's a - I was kind of struck by the president's description of him having held four tours as a four star, but he is without question one of the most seasoned and experienced general officers anybody has ever come across just in terms of the jobs he's had.

He's done a terrific job and we're going to miss him greatly, but Pace and Giambastiani are two very well-qualified officers and have had a - my observation of them is that they may be the most - these may be the poster children of the Goldwater-Nichols Act. In other words, when the Goldwater-Nichols Act was - I mean, we all resisted it. I did; I wrote articles about it and probably most of you did, and it was - but it turned out to be - have a lot of wisdom in it. And one of the things that it forced was a joint perception about everything we do. And these two guys bring more joint insight into everything going on than perhaps any other four star officers that we have - you know, maybe putting aside Tommy Franks or John Abizaid who are out there on a joint warfighting environment as a four star.

They are highly transformational. They have both worked within the Joint Staff transformation environment, so they understand all the hardware things that people like to get excited about, but more importantly, all the process reforms and all the contingency planning reforms and all the ways that we're trying to fix and improve processes to make the place a lot more capable at the (pointy?) end on the Joint level.

So, it's two terrific choices. They're very independent-minded guys, both of them. They're able to make their independence well understood within an environment where independence is difficult

to come by – in other words, it's a military environment and you have to express independence in a very careful way and they're very good about it. Both of those guys are extremely good at it.

They're very good at kind of calibrating thinking around here so that when an idea pops up they can put it into the proper context and get it on the right track. I have seen them both very closely – particularly Ed (Giambastiani) whom I've worked with now four years very closely, but General Pace as well. And they're two terrific officers who I think are going to be just wonderful selections.

If there's any specific questions – I don't know how much – this kind of leached out a little over the last two or three days – it's kind of out there, but the president's announcement today may generate a little more press interest. If any of you are out and have any insights that you'd like to...

Ken Allard: Hey Larry, Ken Allard.

Mr. Di Rita: Hey Ken.

Ken Allard: I was on the other side at that time. I remember your articles, and yes, I am glad you were wrong.

Mr. Di Rita: I was. And it was – you know, my favorite was 'I went joint but I didn't inhale.' But now I'm breathing deeply, so...

But these are two terrific officers who will be forceful in their views. You know, Ed in particular has done an impressive amount of work about the lessons learned from Iraq and Afghanistan down at the Joint Forces Command, and has become just prodigiously knowledgeable about what worked, what didn't – everything from battlefield intelligence up to C3I at the command level. He's done a terrific job. And the Joint Staff and the Services are gleaming a lot of knowledge out of that. He is one smart cracker. And Pace of course is just a great leader and a great general. It's a wonderful team and everybody's pretty excited about it.

If there's no – any thoughts or questions about the selection and the announcement, I'd like to ask General Ham if he wants to get into Iraq a little bit and talk about what's going on over there.

BG Ham: Well, thanks Mr. Di Rita. I appreciate the opportunity this morning to discuss this with you. Just a little bit of background. I'm Carter Ham. I've been on the Joint Staff now a little bit less than a month, but this is not my first joint assignment. I had the great experience of serving at the Central Command headquarters for a couple of years, and certainly appreciate that. I've replaced General Dave Rodriguez, who's now in Mosul. I spent just a little bit more than a year in Mosul, returning in late February.

I think as we swapped out that General Rodriguez got the better end of this deal. But I do appreciate you taking time this morning. Some of you I've met before, and others I look forward to what I hope will be a productive and useful partnership.

For today's teleconference, I'd like to give you just a few comments about operations in Iraq, then welcome your questions. I think we have about 30 minutes, so I'd rather talk about what you want to talk about, rather than me giving you a laundry list of things. And I suspect there's some things you'll ask me that I don't know the answers to, and in those cases we'll get you an answer later today.

A few points on Iraq. This week, we went below 140,000 U.S. in Iraq. The major deployment and redeployment operations, that really began in earnest in December for this current rotation are now nearly complete, both 99 percent complete – over 99 percent complete on both deployments and redeployments. And in Kuwait, because this transitional period is now nearly complete, U.S. personnel in Kuwait are also down now to about 14,000.



Having said that, we'll soon start to see the beginning of the next cycle of units into and out of Iraq. And of course, during these transitional periods, the numbers of troops increases in both Kuwait and in Iraq while incoming/outgoing units are both on the ground conducting relief-in-place operations.

Multi-National Forces-Iraq now reports over 155,000 trained and equipped Iraqi Security Forces. Certainly the capability varies from unit to unit. But the trend is clearly positive in the development of the Iraqi Security Forces.

Insurgent activity, as I think most of you know, has increased somewhat over the past few weeks. And that's not particularly significant in and of itself, as the weekly numbers of attacks tend to fluctuate somewhat. And we don't believe this is yet indicative of what some are reporting as increased levels of planning, coordination and sophistication of attack.

The general trend of the number of attacks has been decreasing since the January elections. There is one exception I would like to mention, and that concerns vehicle-borne IEDs. This – so far, this month of April, about 50 percent of the VBIEDs have been suicide attacks. That's a fairly significant change. Most normally we have seen the number of suicide attacks less than 30 percent. Having said that, don't know yet what that means, but that is a particular note that we're watching with great interest.

There's certainly indications of increased ethnic strife. I think you are all aware of the Zarqawi letter of last year that indicates creating ethnic strife as certainly one of his goals, and I certainly – the bodies discovered in Haditha earlier this week (soccer stadium), the attack this morning in Baghdad against a Shiite mosque, and other sites attacked this week bear out the interest in the insurgents creating ethnic strife – Shiite versus Sunni, Arab versus Kurd and (unintelligible). This is clearly going to be a challenge for the Iraqi Transitional Government and clearly for the Iraqi Security Forces in the weeks and months to come.

And finally, yesterday's loss of the 11 persons aboard the Skylink Mi-8 (helicopter) is very regrettable. Many of you have been Iraq, and you know there's a good relationship between most of the private security firms operating there and U.S. and other Coalition forces.

We've all seen the video that's now on the web. Frankly, we're not certain of the veracity of that clip. Was it the same incident – you know, was that the helicopter that was shot down? Was that man who was apparently shot – was that in that particular incident? We're just frankly not certain of that yet. There is an investigation underway to determine those facts and I think when those are known, those will be made available. And with that, I'd welcome your questions. Or none.

Jed Babbin: General, Jed Babbin, American Spectator. Quick question. I know you said you didn't know anything yet about the significance of the increase in VBIEDs being suiciders. Just as an educated guess, does that show you a change in sort of the ethnic makeup or source of the suiciders themselves? Are we seeing more, you know, something out of Muqtada al Sadr, or something from the other side – the Sunnis. I mean these guys apparently have some sort of doctrinal (nocturnal?) change. What do you attribute that to?

BG Ham: Well, it is very difficult to discern. Of course, in a suicide VBIED attack, in most cases, there's not much left of the attacker to – so the forensic business of trying to determine, you know, who was the actual attacker is pretty difficult. And unless you know that, then it's difficult to come to some of the conclusions that you're asking for.

I guess I would just – Jed, just leave it at the way I said it – we don't yet know what to make of it. It is of concern, because it is a fairly significant deviation from what we've seen in the past. And I think that's all we can say. We're trying to figure it out; we just don't have the answers yet.

Jed Babbin: Thank you.

Ken Allard: General, Ken Allard. You may have seen a piece in yesterday's New York Times by a Marine colonel talking about the need for patience in fighting an insurgency. And he was apparently trying to warn both against, you know, people who were too pessimistic as well as people who were overly optimistic.

Can you basically tell us a little bit about whether or not we are continuing to dig in for the long haul here, or are we simply trying to see how quickly we can cut and run?

BG Ham: Well, nobody's interested in cutting and running. The nature of the insurgencies, particularly 20<sup>th</sup> century insurgencies, are such that they are long-term affairs. I think it's also generally understood that the military is one, but not THE, way to defeat an insurgency. So this is a very, so this has to be a multi-faceted approach.

I think clearly from the U.S. military, the focus is increasingly on helping the Iraqis defeat this insurgency themselves. And that is becoming increasingly the focus of our efforts. And continually the commanders on the scene, General Casey and certainly General Abizaid from a theater perspective, are constantly evaluating the forces that are present, the operational concepts, the tactics that are employed to defeat the insurgency.

So I, I think there is -- clearly, everybody wants to defeat the insurgency as quickly as can possibly be done. But there is a reality: Defeating an insurgency can be a long-term affair. There's no timeline. It's help the Iraqis defeat the insurgents.

Ken Allard: Where the rubber hits the road is when we have to rotate troops in of course. Now is the percentage of Reservists to Active troops about the same in this next rotation as it has been in the current one -- about 40 percent or so?

BG Ham: It actually is done a little bit. In the cyclical nature of things, this past rotation -- this current rotation is fairly high in Reserve component participation. The next rotation, while not all the decisions have been made, is likely to be a little bit less, but not so much less that it will be overwhelmingly noticeable.

The key, again, is not so much is it Active, is it Reserve, but is it right? And is it the right mix of forces to meet the commanders' requirements in theater?

Mr. Di Rita: And Ken, it's Larry. You know, one of things the commanders are trying to balance, as well, is the understandable sense that they have -- or that, you know, that the Iraqis have I should say that, you know, the insurgents don't have many -- they have increasing -- they have fewer and fewer claims that anybody in Iraq sees as credible, because there's now a government there and people feel -- generally speaking -- supportive of the government and supportive of the process.

But the only place where the insurgents can claim any solidarity with general public perception is on the desire -- entirely understandable -- that Coalition forces leave Iraq. And so the balancing act that our guys -- that our commanders have is to not have so many Coalition forces to have too high a presence, but keep it at a sufficient level to be able to help make sure these Iraqi Security Forces can actually succeed.

So there's -- I would say there's built-in downward pressure on the size of U.S. forces there, recognizing that it's still going to be a task for some period of time to probably provide most of the, you know, real heavy lifting until the security forces themselves can work more freely around the country in large formation type activity.

So, it's a tough balancing act. But it's something very much on the commanders' mind is that -- we don't -- they're not asking for more forces on that basis, because it's in part they know that there's very little credibility that this insurgency has other than the widespread feel that it would be nice at some point for Coalition forces to leave that country.

Chuck Nash: General. Chuck Nash, Fox News. Got a question about -- you mentioned the forces going over, and making sure they're the right forces. The issue comes down to what we see a lot in the media which is, a recent article that said that we've lost, either total loss or bad enough that we had to ship them back to the States, 80 main battle tanks. We've got Strykers running around up north; the Army is looking at a fairly sizable investment in a thing called FCS (Future Combat Systems) we're told a family of 18 lightly armored vehicles. And we're still getting people whacked on the road to the airport.

Would you just give me your thoughts on where this all goes, and are the lessons that we're learning about armor in Iraq real world? Are those lessons getting picked up and used in the Pentagon? Or are we still sort of keeping the power point slides that we're (were?) in the process still moving?

BG Ham: Well, I think it's clearly the case that the joint Services, and certainly all the individual Services are adaptive and learning organizations. There's been considerable effort trying to learn everything that we can from the ongoing operations. It's also fair to say that the enemy is learning and adapting. And clearly they adapt their tactics, techniques and procedures as well. So this remains a very, very dangerous, a dangerous area.

My personal experience in the north is that I think we have done a pretty good job of learning from the past two years of operations inside Iraq, and are taking the necessary precautions. I think the Services are making the good material development decisions to counter this threat. But it is a very, very difficult environment, and remains a dangerous environment. So, I mean I guess I would just leave it at that, to say we are learning. I am pretty confident that we are moving ahead and taking the lessons learned both from a material (materiel?) side and from a tactical employment side to do the best that we can.

Again, none of that will ever eliminate the risk entirely; it remains a dangerous place.

Chuck Nash: Thank you.

Col. Gordon Cucullu: General, this is Gordon Cucullu: Back to the 155,000 Iraqis that you mentioned. It seems like that in the past few months we've seen deliberately -- that the insurgents have deliberately targeted the recruiting process. Are we still seeing decent people coming out in proper numbers to fill the security slots, both the paramilitary and the active duty military on the Iraqi side?

BG: Recruiting does remain strong for both the police forces within the Iraqi Ministry of Interior and for the army within the Ministry of Defense. And I think that's a very positive sign. I think you've seen in recent weeks a specific outreach to the Sunni Arab population of Iraq by the Iraqi Transitional Government as it's starting to form, and I think that's a great, a great indicator as well.

It is an interesting phenomena, to watch the -- as Iraqi Security Forces have been attacked in the past -- again I'll speak from my personal experience having seen that, was very worried about the potential negative effect that would have, and it never materialized. Amazing, initially amazingly to me after one of those attacks, the next day there would be, again, many more young Iraqis show up at the recruiting stations than there were positions to accommodate them. So I think that bodes well for the country and bodes well for the security forces.

Gordon x: Yes, I think that's good news. Thank you.

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BG Ham: OK, I guess Mr. Di Rita, I'll turn it back to you, sir.

Mr. Di Rita: I don't have anything more. I appreciate you guys carving out a little time for us.

Ms. Barber: Thanks for your time, and we'll be in touch.

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4. I'll clean up Allison's office for you. I know you're swamped.

Thanks much.

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