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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2005 9:40 AM
To: (b)(6) CDR, OCJCS/PA
Cc: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA; Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: military analysts call today
Attachments: Picture (Metafile)

good morning,
 here is the most updated list (as of 9:40 a.m.) of those who will be on the call this morning. there is still the possibility that more will join who have not rsvp'd. thanks (b)(6)

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| Colonel Carl Kenneth Allard | (USA, Retired) |
| Mr. Jed Babbin | (USAF, JAG) (American Spectator) |
| Dr. James Jay Carafano | (LTC, USA, Retired) |
| Colonel Gordon Cucullu | (USA, Retired) |
| Major Dana R. Dillon | (USA, Retired) |
| Colonel (Tim) J. Eads | (USA, Retired) |
| Lieutenant Colonel Rick Francona | (USAF, Retired) (MSNBC) |
| Colonel John Garrett (tentative) | (USMC, Retired) |
| Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer | (USA, Retired) |
| Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Maginnis | (USA, Retired) |
| Lieutenant General Thomas McInerney | (USAF, Retired) |
| General William L. Nash | (USA, Retired) |
| Captain Martin L. Strong | (USN, Retired) |

Respectfully,
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Sent: Friday, April 22, 2005 9:11 AM
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: mil analysts

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Lieutenant Colonel Bill Cowan (USMC, Retired)
Colonel Jeff McCausland, (USA, Retired)
Captain Chuck Nash (USN, Retired)
Major General Paul E. Vallely (USA, Retired)

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2005 9:11 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: CONFERENCE CALL TOMORROW

thank you

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2005 8:39 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: CONFERENCE CALL TOMORROW

Gentlemen,
I just wanted to send you a reminder about the call this morning. If you have already RSVP'd for the call, you do not need to do so again. If you have not, please do so. We would be thrilled to have you on the call. Thanks. (b)(6)

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MEMORANDUM

To: Retired Military Analysts
From: Dallas Lawrence
Director, Community Relations and Public Liaison
Office of the Secretary of Defense
Date: April 21, 2005
Re: Conference Call with Senior DoD Officials

We invite you to participate in a conference call, **TOMORROW, April 22, 2005 from 10:30-11:00.**

Participants in this conference call will be the Deputy Director, Regional Operations, J-3 Brigadier General Ham. His biography is attached for your review. Topics to be discussed are current operations in Iraq. His comments will be on background only.

Your host for this call will be Dallas Lawrence.

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

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

We hope you are able to participate.

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Respectfully,

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From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2005 5:13 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: military analysts call

slim pickins....

good group though..

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2005 5:12 PM
To: (b)(6) CDR, OCJCS/PA
Cc: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: military analysts call

here are the rsvp's for tomorrow's call as of this evening:

Mr. Jed Babbins (USAF, JAG) (American Spectator)
Dr. James Jay Carafano (LTC, USA, Retired)
Lieutenant Colonel Rick Francona (USAF, Retired) (MSNBC)
Colonel John Garrett (tentative) (USMC, Retired)
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Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2005 4:21 PM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: military analysts

That should work.

Thank you.

BTW - only one M in Ham. (-:

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From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2005 4:15 PM
To: (b)(6) CDR, OCJCS/PA
Cc: (b)(6) (E-mail)
Subject: military analysts

hi there

(b)(6) mentioned that general hamm would like to see our invitation list.. how about if we give you the list of folks who have rsvp'd by cob tomorrow. to include their previous military background... that will give you an indication of who will be on the call.

one of the agreements we have with these folks is that we don't send out the list ...

work for you?

thanks

ab



United States Army

Brigadier General CARTER F. HAM

**Deputy Director, Regional Operations, J-3
The Joint Staff
3000 Joint Staff Pentagon, Room: BD966
Washington, DC 20318-3000
since March 2005**



SOURCE OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE ROTC

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Infantry Officer Basic Course
Armor Officer Advanced Course
United States Naval Command and Staff College
Air War College

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

John Carroll University - BA - Political Science
Naval War College - MA - National Security and Strategic Studies

FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S) None recorded

PROMOTIONS

DATES OF APPOINTMENT

2LT	2 Jun 76
1LT	2 Jun 78
CPT	1 Aug 80
MAJ	1 Jun 87
LTC	1 Sep 92
COL	1 Apr 98
BG	1 Oct 03

MAJOR DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

FROM

TO

ASSIGNMENT

Jun 76	Aug 76	Training Officer, II Reserve Officer Training Corps Region, with duty at 4th Basic Combat Training Brigade, Fort Knox, Kentucky
May 77	Jan 78	Redeye Section Leader, Combat Support Company, 1st Battalion, 509th Infantry (Airborne Combat Team), United States Army Europe, Italy
Jan 78	Dec 79	Rifle Platoon Leader, later Executive Officer, A Company, later S-3 (Air), later S-1 (Personnel), 2d Battalion, 22d Infantry, 4th Infantry Division, V Corps, United States Army Europe, Germany
Dec 79	Jun 81	Commander, C Company, later S-3 (Operations), 2d Battalion, 22d Infantry, 8th Infantry Division, United States Army Europe, Germany
Jul 81	Feb 82	Student, Armor Officer Advanced Course, Fort Knox, Kentucky

Brigadier General CARTER F. HAM

Feb 82	Feb 84	Lima Area Commander, Columbus District Recruiting Command, Columbus, Ohio
Mar84	Sep 84	Detachment Commander, Forward Military Support Element, 1984 Summer Olympics, Los Angeles, California
Sep84	Aug 86	Assistant Inspector General, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California
Aug 86	Feb 87	S-3 (Air), 6th Battalion (Mechanized), 31st Infantry, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California
Feb 87	May 89	S-3 (Operations), later Executive Officer, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 52d Infantry, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California
Aug 89	Jun 90	Student, Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, Rhode Island
Jun 90	May 93	Light Infantry Branch Chief, later Chief, Doctrine Division, later Brigade Senior Advisor to Saudi Arabian National Guard and OPERATION DESERT STORM, Saudi Arabia, later Executive Officer, United States Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia
Jun 93	Jun 95	Commander, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry, 3d Infantry Division, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany and OPERATION ABLE SENTRY, Macedonia
Jun 95	Jul 96	Senior Task Force Observer/Controller, Operations Group, Combat Maneuver Training Center, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany
Jul 96	Jun 97	Student, United States Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
Jun 97	Jul 99	Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 (Operations), later Chief of Staff, 1st Infantry Division, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany
Jul 99	Jun 01	Commander, Infantry Training Support Brigade (29th Infantry Regiment), United States Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia
Jul 01	Aug 03	Deputy Director, J-8, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida
Aug 03	Feb 05	Deputy Commanding General for Training and Readiness, I Corps and Fort Lewis, Fort Lewis, Washington to include duty as Commander, Multi-National Brigade Northwest, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq
Mar 05	Present	Deputy Director for Regional Operations, Operations Directorate, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Deputy Director, J-8, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida	Jul 01 – Aug 03	Colonel
Deputy Director, Regional Operations, J-3, The Joint Staff, Washington, DC	Mar 05 – Present	Brigadier General

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Defense Superior Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Bronze Star Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal (with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters)
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
 Army Achievement Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
 Expert Infantryman Badge
 Parachutist Badge
 Ranger Tab

As of 11 April 2008

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2005 11:07 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Subject: RE: American Spectator (Babbin)

Damn that was good

Thanks

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From: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2005 10:38 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Subject: American Spectator (Babbin)

The American Spectator

Tongsun Redux

By Jed Babbin

Published 4/18/2005 12:07:13 AM

For news junkies, this will be a hectic week. By its end, Catholics may have a new pope, we may have a new UN ambassador, and both Kofi and his bestest buddy Jacques may suffer nervous breakdowns. Things are looking up because, while Volcker fiddles, the FBI and the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York are burning bad guys. Now all we need to find out are the names of Cooperating Witnesses One and Two, and the high-ranking UN officials whom they bribed for Saddam.

CW1 and CW2 may be the first people who have earned the Presidential Medal of Freedom as a result of plea bargains keeping them out of jail. (CW1 has already pled guilty to being an unregistered agent of the Saddam government and is cooperating with U.S. investigators.) They are unindicted co-conspirators -- credited with helping Saddam bribe the UN into setting up the Oil-for-Food-for-Bribes-for-Weapons scam -- in the indictment of one of our all-time faves, Tongsun Park of Koreagate infamy.

For those joining us since 1976, Mr. Park was indicted back then on 36 counts of bribery, influence peddling, and other usual business on Capitol Hill. The charges were eventually dropped after he testified in Congressional hearings about his

involvement with dozens of Congressmen, only three of whom were later reprimanded by the House. (Think of this the next time you hear the caterwauling about Tom DeLay.)

Just because Saddam is evil doesn't mean he's a dummy. He did what any good manager would do if he wanted to pay bribes: he hired an expert. According to the March 21 indictment of Mr. Park unsealed last week, and the affidavit stating it signed by FBI special agent Nicholas Panagakos, Saddam paid bribes to and through Park to Cooperating Witnesses One and Two and to at least two high-ranking UN officials in order to get the UN to create the Oil-for-Food program by Security Council in 1996. Just who were they? Not Benon Sevan, who wasn't yet chosen to run the Oil-for-Food scam. There would have been no reason to bribe him before he was chosen to run the scam. Was Annan himself bribed? How about Iqbal Riza, his chief of staff who later ordered the shredding of UN documents for the 1996-1999 period, when the program was first created and run? Someday soon, we should know.

The bribes apparently continued until 2003 (when Tommy Franks had something to say about Saddam's future plans) to make sure that the program was extended beyond its original expiration date. The indictment says that Park "invested in a company owned by an immediate family member of a high-ranking UN official money paid to him from the Government of Iraq in connection" with the bribe agreement. Park, having agreed to bribe the UN officials for Saddam, got at least \$2 million for himself and distributed millions in bribes, both in cash and in oil vouchers entitling the UN officials to collect more millions from the sale of the vouchers. So how does Kofi respond to the new revelations? By trying to pass the blame to President Bush and Prime Minister Blair, of course.

Last week the sagging Annan said, "The bulk of the money that Saddam made came out of smuggling outside the oil-for-food program, and it was on the American and British watch." Annan added, "Possibly they were the ones who knew exactly what was going on, and that the countries themselves decided to close their eyes to smuggling to Turkey and Jordan because they were allies." Of course, nothing the UN did was wrong.

If Kofi's week weren't sour enough, Secretary of State Condi Rice added to his agony by saying, "It is no secret to anyone that the United Nations cannot survive as a vital force in international politics if it doesn't reform." Note to Kofi: reform or die. It's a great disappointment that we didn't see the appropriate headline in the New York Daily News, in 64-point type, saying: "Condi to UN: Drop Dead." Something to look forward to. Almost as much as the Bolton confirmation, which may come later this week.

THE LEFTIES HAVE MANAGED to delay, but not stop, the nomination of John Bolton to the UN ambassador's post. Thankfully, and my apologies to Sen. Hagel,

even he and Sen. Lincoln Chafee seem to be standing with Bolton. If the Dems can't get either of them to vote against Bolton, or at least abstain, Bolton's nomination should be reported out of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee early this week. On the floor, it will pass easily. For Kofi and the rest of the Turtle Bay crime family, it will be as much fun as passing a kidney stone. Meanwhile back at le domaine, Jacques is apparently sinking in the congenial contrariness of his own countrymen.

Ah, how le ver turns. Just a year ago, it was a sure bet that France -- one of the chief proponents of the European Union -- would easily pass a referendum on the EU constitution. Now, as the May 29 referendum approaches, polls show the French ready to reject it. That led President Chirac to the most desperate measure. Calculating correctly that the worst thing a Frenchman could think to do was to help Uncle Sam, Chirac said that a "no" vote would weaken the EU and benefit the United States. Chirac, in a carefully scripted "town hall" session with young French voters, issued that dire warning last Thursday, with little or no effect. The French may be content with the status quo which, as the Gipper once said, is Latin for "the mess we're in."

Whether the French vote the EU constitution down remains to be seen. It's unlikely that they will reject it because without the EU agriculture subsidy, much of French farming will end. As John Hulsman of the Heritage Foundation once told me, the EU agricultural subsidy is "really a sop from Germany to pay French farmers to sit around, play boule, and do nothing." The French may just be revolting against ten years of Chiracism or just emoting for the press. Once they get enough attention from the rest of Europe, they may pass the EU constitution to keep their subsidies. You see, that's what it's all about. Like Oil-for-Food, the EU is an economic scam. The French have too much to lose if they reject it. And money is what they're all about. Not everyone in the world is concerned solely with money. From U.S. European Command and the Joint Staff comes word of new strides in building the Iraq Coalition.

From a kinda sorta reliable Navy source comes this bulletin from the Joint Staff quoting one of its lieutenant colonels: "Things are looking up for us here. Papua-New Guinea is thinking of offering two platoons: one of infantry (headhunters) and one of engineers (hut builders). They want to eat any bad Iraqis they kill. We've got no issues with that, but State is being anal about it." Dr. Rice reportedly wants to transform the State Department as Mr. Rumsfeld is doing with the Pentagon. She apparently has a long, hard road ahead.

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: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2005 5:07 PM
To: Richard, Joseph, Ltc OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Newshour Program DADT

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From: Richard, Joseph, Ltc OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2005 5:07 PM
To: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Newshour Program DADT

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From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2005 5:06 PM
To: Richard, Joseph, Ltc OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Newshour Program DADT

Let's make sure we tape it. Thanks

From: Richard, Joseph, Ltc OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2005 4:50 PM
To: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: Newshour Program DADT

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Sir: Just wanted to advise that the News hour may run a DADT piece this evening we declined their invitation of an on camera earlier as you know we provided our military analyst Bob McGinnisbackground information and most recent data ----he will unofficially represent DoD's perspective and carry our messageLTC Richard

LTC Joe Richard, USA
Press Officer, Office, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)
Personnel and Readiness Desk
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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2005 7:51 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Subject: RE: TURN ON FOX

Will do

Thanks

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**Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
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From: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2005 7:50 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: TURN ON FOX

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Col David Hunt is going to be on Fox in 1 min. He is a hoot. Watch him. he has a new book out and you will love it.

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From: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2005 8:35 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Subject: Another Good Article (Babbin)

Hello All: In Case You Missed this....

Jed has it right!!!

EXCLUSIVE: Women in Combat?

Date: Saturday, March 19 @ 21:17:46 CST

Topic: FSM FEATURE

By Jed Babbin

Did you know that women in our armed forces are increasingly being pushed into a combat role? Find out why - and how this will affect our troops - in this EXCLUSIVE piece from FSM contributing editor Jed Babbin!

Women in Combat?

Jed Babbin

Everyone has opinions about the war, and no one seems shy about expressing them. Whether it's about Iraq, al-Qaeda, the military budget or anything else, we all have something to say. And that's a good thing, because American democracy doesn't function without open and honest debate. Social security used to be the "third rail" of American politics. No one dared to touch it because to do so was to commit political suicide. Now, the same can be said of the question of women in combat.

Because politicians and too many military leaders are afraid to talk about it, the question is being decided by default in the incrementalism of the bureaucracy. Army bureaucrats are deciding the issue in small chunks, moving women into combat units by making small changes in obscure policies. These bureaucratic actions must be subjected to the light and heat of politics.

The President has said, "No women in combat." US law, Defense Department policy and everything else the Army is supposed to obey says that women should not serve in infantry units, in special operations, and in the other ground combat forces whose business is killing people and breaking things. Small, slow changes have - for years - allowed women to fly Air Force and Navy combat aircraft, fly Army helos in combat, and serve on most Navy combat ships. Every Army unit - infantry, armor, support, reconnaissance, etc. - has a "gender code" number. The gender codes are supposed to separate those non-combatant units that women can be assigned to from the combat arms. Now, the Army is changing its operating doctrine to include women in more combat units by manipulating the gender codes.

According to the Center for Military Readiness, and confirmed by a Defense Department source, the Army is juggling unit gender codes to allow women to serve in combat arms such as multiple-launch rocket systems, reconnaissance, and Stryker Brigade Combat Teams. The Army apparently plans to assign women to these units to raise the unit manning numbers to the requisite levels, but plans to withdraw the women if the units are

engaging in combat. There are only two results that can obtain, and neither is good for the fighting strength of the army.

First, if this is merely the accounting game it appears, the Army is more in step with the UN than the President. It's trying to increase the number of troops it needs by including troops that won't be there to fight. It's a fraud on the rest of the soldiers who will have to fight short-handed when the women leave. Second, if the Army is violating the ban on women in combat arms, it's more than just an accounting scam. It's a knowing reduction in the Army's combat capability.

Feminists argue that it's discrimination against women to keep them out of combat units because they aren't as likely to be promoted without combat experience. The feminists' argument is premised on fact: there is favoritism in the military promotion system toward those who have served in combat. And there must be because the "glass ceiling" they complain about is smeared with blood. Lessons learned on the battlefield are paid for with soldiers' lives, and as many millennia of war have taught us, those lessons are best applied by military commanders who have learned them first-hand.

The commanders' job is to apply those lessons to win the war in the shortest amount of time by inflicting the greatest damage on the enemy in the shortest period of time. Their principal tool is the people who serve in combat arms. To win battles, the combat arms must be peopled only by those who can perform as well as every other under the stresses of combat. And very few women can qualify under the standards for combat.

For those who still doubt that, the 2002 British Ministry of Defence study, "Women in the Armed Forces," should settle the matter. It begins with a foundational truth: "Combat effectiveness is the ability of a unit...to carry out its mission...The cohesion of a unit is a vital factor in its combat effectiveness." The study finds that only 1% of women can meet the physical standards men do, that they are less aggressive and more prone to injury than men, and that – in the only example where the combat effectiveness of women is measurable, the Israeli army in 1947-48 -- "Israeli morale suffered disproportionately when a female soldier was killed or wounded." In short, unit cohesion is reduced significantly by including women in combat arms because the vast majority can't meet the standards men do, and because of the effect on the unit when a woman becomes a casualty. Just what will the effect of the Army's bureaucratic maneuvering be?

A very wise man, the late Capt. H.H. Babbin, USMCR, had words of wisdom for me as my commissioning date approached more than three decades ago. He said that I'd soon be a well-educated and highly-trained junior officer. Which, he said, meant I'd be essentially useless. His advice was to find someone with a lot of stripes on his sleeve and do what he said if I wanted to do my job well live to tell about it. What was good advice for me then is good advice for the Army now. Retired Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Jessie Duff was one of those bestripped persons. Having served more than 20 years in the Marines, Duff has some strong opinions about women in combat.

Duff told me that it's not a question of physical fitness. That women have to meet different physical fitness tests in the military is, to Duff, of no relevance to their fitness for combat service. Combat fitness is about the other tests and standards (which include physical capabilities) that have to be met to qualify for combat duty.

I asked Duff about the Brit findings that 1% or so of women who can meet the standards for ground combat. Duff said it's too few, and imposing such a small minority of women will create a lot of internal friction. Women comprise about 6% of the Marines and, according to Duff, even that number can cause a lot of internal friction. Being a woman – a very attractive one at that – Duff is a pretty good judge of it.

Duff said that if she were talking with the President privately, she'd urge him to stay the course and not allow women – even those who can meet the standards for ground combat – into combat units. "For the women who can meet the standards, I'm not going to say 'go for it' because...it's going to be such a small

number...[because it's] going to cause disruption and morale and cohesion issues. We're naïve if we think otherwise."

To Gunny Duff, the standards set for combat service are inviolable. If the Army is allowing women who can't meet those standards to serve in combat units, the Army is degrading its combat capabilities. Unless enough women could qualify to comprise at least 15-20% of a unit's strength, she believes it would be highly disruptive to unit cohesion and morale. Duff told me, "If the Army's going to do this and allow people to go in[to combat units] just to have this equality, they're forgetting what their mission is. Their mission is to win a stinking war..."

We know – from history, from the Brit study, and from Gunny Duff's advice – that women shouldn't be in combat arms. Why, then, is the Army playing games with unit gender codes and thereby threatening unit cohesion? Is it more important to win battles or to give women a greater chance at promotion? All it's about, like Gunny Duff said, is winning the stinking war.

Family Security Matters contributing editor Jed Babbin is also a contributing editor for The American Spectator magazine and the author of Inside the Asylum: Why the UN and Old Europe are Worse than You Think.

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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2005 9:37 AM
To: (b)(6) Capt. USMC, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Jed Babbin returned call (b)(6)

(b)(6) this is a phone number for a young lady named (b)(6) (sp) -- can we retry?

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

From: (b)(6) Capt. USMC, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2005 8:20 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: Jed Babbin returned call (b)(6)

Semper Fidelis

Captain (b)(6) USMC

Military Assistant to the

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs

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Cc: (b)(6) LTC OASD-PA; (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA;
Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE:

Thanks for your assistance in supporting LtGen Smith on this recent visit.

V/R

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CDR (b)(6)

Chief of Media

U.S. Central Command

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2005 9:29 AM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) LTC OASD-PA; (b)(6) (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA
Subject: RE:

hi folks. here is the most recent list of the military analysts calling in this morning for our conference call. thanks. (b)(6)

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Respectfully,

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From: Claude Salhani [Claude@^{(b)(6)}]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2005 10:23 AM
To: Raymond Tanter (E-mail)
Subject: wolfowitz

Ray, I had an idea... (I get one of those once in a while). You say that Wolfie is a nice guy and that those who know him, like him. would you be in a position to arrange an interview for me? and i promise i would approach it with an open and honest mind. I will not bad mouth him or show him in a negative light, try and portray what you said, that if you get to know him, you see a different image of the man. it would be his chance to show his "other" face to the world.
any chance?

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From: (b)(6) OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2005 6:25 PM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: DoD Update - Iraq Update
Attachments: TP 03-30-05 Iraq Update.doc

Allison:

I wrote some talking points off Lt Gen Smith's call with the military analysts.

I gave them to LTC (b)(6) to proof. Usually he's real speedy but he was crashing on something I think and said he couldn't get to them until tomorrow. I said fine.

Here they are unedited - I know you're on the road tomorrow.

(b)(6)



TP 03-30-05 Iraq
Update.doc (2...

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From: Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2005 5:15 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: Phone Message

Jed Babbin, (b)(6)

(b)(5)

From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2005 12:53 PM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Cc: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Subject: RE:

Got it -- I'll put something together for you to review.

From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2005 11:49 AM
To: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Subject: RE:

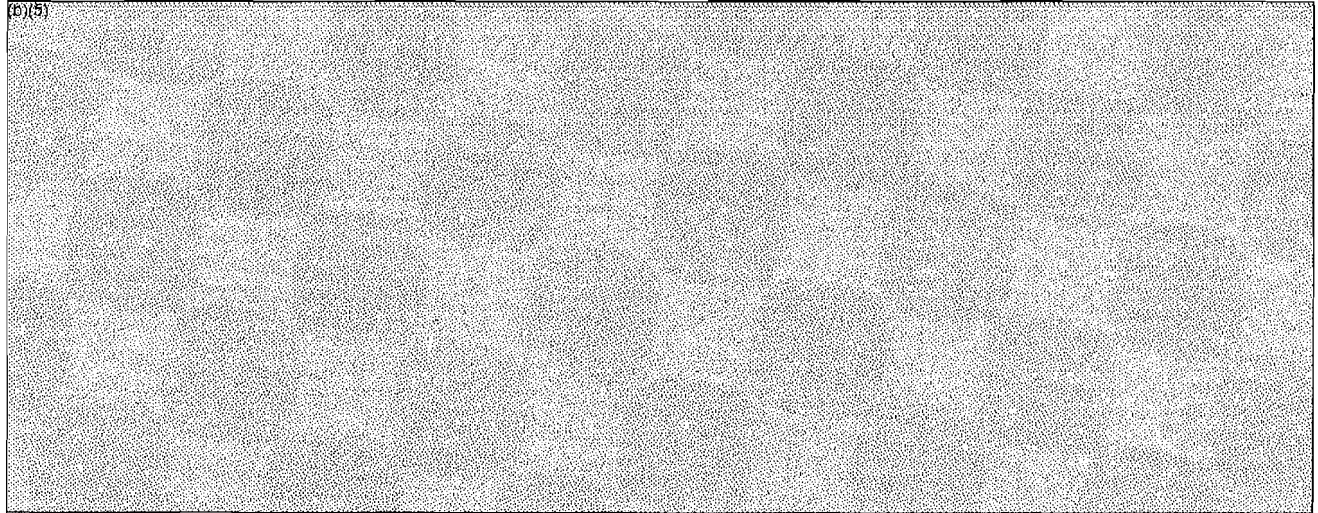
Bryan—

Below is the guts of a snowflake secdef sent out to Cambone and the heads of defense intelligence agencies (nro, dia, nsa, etc.)

Let's use it as the basis for a draft release that we could put out tomorrow after the silberman report is received by potus from the commissioners.

Pull something together and let me see a draft. I'd like to have a draft that I have already reviewed for the secdef's 3:00 prep today. Tnx..

(b)(5)



Please coordinate your responses through Steve Cambone.

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

From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2005 11:29 AM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Subject: FW:

Call went well -- the only news maybe that he hinted that they are seeing more foreign fighters than before.

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2005 9:29 AM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) LTC OASD-PA; (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA
Subject: RE:

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Respectfully,

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From: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2005 11:22 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Subject: American Spectator (Babbin)

The American Spectator (Jed Babbin)

http://www.spectator.org/dsp_article.asp?art_id=7956

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2005 8:55 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Military analyst on O'Reilly factor

sir,

dallas wanted me to make changes to the original doc b/c of something secdef expressly wanted... then give to allison so she can see what we're offering before we offer it. but allison has asked me for something else a little more pressing. i will get the new outreach plan to ab by cob today. good enough? :)

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2005 7:34 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Military analyst on O'Reilly factor

where is the info i requested, ma'am?

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

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2005 6:48 PM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Military analyst on O'Reilly factor

Jed Babbin will be on fox news tonight around 8:30 talking about detainee deaths. fyi. thanks. (b)(6)

Respectfully,

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2005 9:16 PM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) LTC OASD-PA, (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA

Here is the preliminary list of those calling in to the military analysts call tomorrow morning. thanks. tj

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2005 4:14 PM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: heads up - military analysts

i just got a call from lcdr flex plexico saying that southcom was conducting an investigation and they might like to brief the analysts at its conclusion in a month or so... but, they wanted to see if they could get the list in advance. i said no. told him that it's not public knowledge and they prefer to remain anonymous. he was very nice and asked who owned the list, in case they wanted to appeal. i told him you do. anyway, just fyi that you may get a call from some commander in southcom asking us to sell them the list. i'm sure they have a good supply of candy and apples you could extort. :)

thanks. (b)(6)

Respectfully,

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From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2005 3:39 PM
To: Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD-PA
Cc: Keck, Gary, Col, OASD-PA; (b)(6) Lt Col, OASD-PA; Larry DiRita (ldirita@ (b)(6))
Subject: RE: FYI - Fox O'Reily Show: Army Not Participating 29 March (UNCLASSIFIED)

Good work by all -- Babbin will do us well -- we should contact him and ask him if he needs anything -- I would be happy to talk to him

From: Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2005 2:37 PM
To: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: Keck, Gary, Col, OASD-PA; (b)(6) Lt Col, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: FYI - Fox O'Reily Show: Army Not Participating 29 March (UNCLASSIFIED)

(b)(6) is mystified at where the Army got the notion that there would be an ACLU lawyer on the show. ACLU would never agree to be on the show in the first place, nor would O'Reilly have them. Anyway, with a little help from (b)(6) they are going to use Jed Babbin instead.

Roxie T. Merritt
Captain, U.S. Navy
Director, DoD Press Operations
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Washington, DC 20301-1400

(b)(2)
roxie.merritt@ (b)(6)
"Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of All Who Threaten It"

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

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2005 11:41 AM
To: Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT OASD-PA; Keck, Gary Col OASD-PA; (b)(6) LTC OCPA; (b)(6) COL OCPA
Subject: FYI - Fox O'Reily Show: Army Not Participating 29 March (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**
Caveats: NONE

I called Ron Mitchell at Fox News at 11:38 a.m. today declining having an Army official on their planned 29 March show about detainee abuse allegations. (As per earlier conversations of this morning between COLs Keck and (b)(6) v/r --

(b)(6)

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

From: Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 4:07 PM
To: Boyce, Paul Mr OCPA; Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT OASD-PA; (b)(6) COL OCPA; (b)(6) LTC OCPA
Cc: Whitman, Bryan SES OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Nightline-detainee abuse (UNCLASSIFIED)

Thanks.

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

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 4:02 PM
To: Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT OASD-PA; (b)(6) COL OCPA; (b)(6) LTC OCPA
Cc: Whitman, Bryan SES OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Nightline-detainee abuse (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

The Bill O'Reilly Fox request is for Tuesday night and we're attempting to see who may be available. v/r -- (b)(6)

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From: Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 3:57 PM
To: (b)(6) OCPA; Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT OASD-PA; (b)(6) COL OCPA
Cc: Whitman, Bryan SES OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Nightline-detainee abuse (UNCLASSIFIED)

What about Bill O'Reilly?

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From: (b)(6) OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2005 1:06 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: accomplishments book

Hi (b)(6)

Swinging back on the accomplishments book Terri Lukach wrote.

Do you know whether these books were sent to the military analysts?

(b)(6)

From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA [allison.barber@oasd.mil] (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2005 7:27 PM
To: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: secdef 10 min

yikes o friday..that is a busy schedule.. maybe we can check in the morning to see if we can squeeze a few minutes on the schedule or try and build it in on the back side of the town hall friday. thanks ab

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

From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA [mailto:Bryan.Whitman@oasd.mil] (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2005 5:26 PM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: secdef 10 min

I think it would be great; however this is how the hour is currently filled. That with 5 minutes to walk to and from the studio.

3:20 - 3:30 NBC News, Jim Miklaszewski
3:35 - 3:45 WSMV - Nashville (NBC affiliate)
3:47 - 3:57 WCTI - New Burn, NC (ABC affiliate)
4:00 - 4:10 KENS - San Antonio, TX (CBS affiliate)

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

From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA [mailto:allison.barber@oasd.mil] (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2005 3:38 PM
To: Whitman, Bryan, CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: secdef 10 min

hi there

do you think we could squeeze 10 min for secdef to answer a few questions from military analysts? i know we are trying to get a lot out of the block of time.. what do you think?
thanks
ab

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

From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA [mailto:larry.dirita@oasd.mil] (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2005 3:35 PM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: secdef 10 min

Probably. Work with bryam so that our hour is used up smartly

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA <allison.barber@oasd.mil> (b)(6)
To: Di Rita Larry (E-mail) <larry.dirita@oasd.mil> (b)(6)
Sent: Wed Mar 16 15:34:30 2005
Subject: secdef 10 min

hi there

any chance we can get secdef to do a 10 min call with military analysts tomorrow after his interviews? just a few questions on the 2 year anniversary? it is another crazy idea but i think it would be powerful since they will all be on tv this weekend.

thanks
ab

(b)(6)

From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2005 8:02 AM
To: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; 'Dan Senior'
Subject: RE:

Good additions.

Senior, if this doesn't make you a star we're going to stop trying!!

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

From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2005 6:58 AM
To: 'Dan Senior'
Cc: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Subject: RE:

With Italy's announcement to withdraw troops starting in December, I would also offer the following:

- We appreciate Italy's demonstrated support for the coalition and the Iraqi people.
- Italy has been and continues to be a steadfast ally in the Global War Against Terror and we value all their contributions in support democracy and liberty

The Coalition

- Coalition support is more than having troops in Iraq
- More than 30 countries are key members of the coalition team providing troops, political backing to the coalition, training opportunities, supplies and financial support to help rebuild the country
- The coalition is supporting all Iraqi efforts to establish the rule of law, promote justice and improve quality of life
- 27 countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

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

From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2005 6:34 AM
To: 'Dan Senior'; (b)(6) Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE:

1. some allies have said repeatedly that they will assess as the Iraqi security forces get more capable. The U.S. is doing the same thing.
2. Once the U.S. recedes back to its pre-election level of about 138,000 (17 brigades) Iraqi security forces themselves constitute the largest single component of the coalition, and that is goo.
2. Even so, there are upwards of two dozen countries with troop commitments in Iraq.
2. Every country in NATO has recently pledged to make some kind of commitment -- money, trainers, off-shore training, etc -- to the NATO training mission in Iraq.
3. General Casey, General Abizaid, on up regularly consult with other countries that are looking for ways they may be helpful.
4. the coalition will continue to shift, but that is expected as individual countries make their own decisions.

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

From: Dan Senor [mailto:dansenor@nytimes.com] (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2005 6:56 PM
To: (b)(6) Di Rita Larry CIV OSD; bryan.whitman@nytimes.com (b)(6)
Subject:

Hey there,

Going on Fox & Friends tomorrow morn at 8:20...will definitely get questions about troop withdrawal from coalition allies.

Any talkers on it beyond what Scott said below? If not, I can get by. Otherwise, please shoot me anything you've got.

Thanks!

-Dan

Q Scott, what is your understanding of Italy's position on withdrawing troops from Iraq?

MR. McCLELLAN: Well, actually, last week Prime Minister Berlusconi spoke to, I believe, the Italian Senate and addressed this issue. He said that, as Iraqis are able to assume more responsibility, we will work in agreement with our allies and start to withdraw some of our forces. And that was something he said, I believe it was just about a week ago -- last Wednesday, I think.

Q But has this come to a head, then, today?

MR. McCLELLAN: I saw the comments he made today and I think they were very similar to the comments he made last week.

Q What does this do to our overall troop strength there? And is it hurting our effort, in general, in --

MR. McCLELLAN: I don't think so, because if you look at what he said last week and what he said again today, this will be based on the ability and capability of Iraqi forces and the Iraqi government to be able to assume more responsibility, and that he will work in agreement with allies in the region before taking those steps. And we certainly appreciate the contributions of the Italians. They have served and sacrificed alongside Iraqis and alongside other coalition forces.

Our focus remains on making sure that the Iraqi forces are fully trained and equipped and ready to assume more responsibility for their future, and that's where our focus will remain, so that eventually our troops will be able to return home with honor.

Q How much of this reflects the tension between the United States and Italy over the shooting incident?

MR. McCLELLAN: I'm not sure that I'd make a connection there. I don't view it the same way.

Q Is there any connection?

MR. McCLELLAN: Not that I'm aware of.

Q So no connection at all?

MR. McCLELLAN: Not that I -- I haven't heard any comment to that effect from Italian officials.

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From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2005 11:10 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: Africa Center Speaking Invitation

Please make contact with him -- make no promises (I agreed to find someone from the office) not necessarily me.

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

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2005 1:06 PM
To: 'bryan.whitman@'(b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: Africa Center Speaking Invitation

Mr. Whitman,

(b)(6) has forwarded your email agreeing to participate in "The Next Generation of African Military Leaders" course. Thank you for your willingness to be a part of the 17 May roundtable on US defense policy in Africa.

If you would please provide me with your contact information, including phone and fax number, as well as mailing address I will have a formal invitation sent out to you. Additional information on the topic and roundtable format will also follow as we get closer to the start of the course.

Thank you again for your support of this course.

Regards,

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2005 12:41 PM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Feith wants two speeches sent to list

Attachments: Harvard Speech Final.pdf; CFR Speech Final.pdf

Allison:

Doug Feith wants two of his recent speeches sent out to some of our lists.

Both of these are posted on our speech web site on defenselink.

I shared with Lt Col (b)(6) the various types of lists we have. He wants it sent to the military analysts, the "formers" type list (this is the herry kissingers, etc), and the defense experts (think tankers).

Per some back and forth email with (b)(6) he doesn't need a line from Larry, just my typical line which would be something like attached are two recent speeches by doug eith, undersecretary for policy. the first is x and the second is y.

The Harvard speech is THICK (quotes John Stuart Mill and Edmund Burke). The CFR speech is more readable. The people on these lists might actually read these (too much for Main Street).

Is this ok with you to send to these lists?

He's requested this once before. Last summer I think he wanted an article sent out in which the secretary defended him, etc. We did it.

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

From: (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2005 4:24 PM
To: (b)(6) OASD-PA
Cc: Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Subject: Feith Speeches

Hi again, these are the two speeches Mr Feith would like to be sent out under DiRita's signature to your three databases (defense leaders, military analysts, and defense experts). Appreciate it! Pleas let me know final outcome so I can feed the info back to Mr Feith--thanks!

Words for DiRita, "...one of the most important elements of the President's and SecDef's foreign policy/strategy is the promotion of democratic institutions around the world. USD(P) Doug Feith just gave two speeches that deal with this issue, among others, and I commend them to your attention...."

(b)(6)
Lt Col (b)(6) USAF
Defense Press Officer
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)
Pentagon, Rm (b)(2)
(b)(2)



Harvard Speech
Final.pdf (210 ...)



CFR Speech
Final.pdf (164 KB)

(b)(6)

From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2005 1:04 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Babbin (New York Post)

hi there
can we add this in monday's bird?
thanks
ab

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

From: Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2005 7:42 AM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Fw: Babbin (New York Post)

Can you make this happen on Monday?
COL George H. Rhynedance

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@oasd.mil>
To: Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA <George.Rhynedance@oasd.mil>
CC: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA <Bryan.Whitman@oasd.mil>
Sent: Fri Mar 11 07:28:58 2005
Subject: Fw: Babbin (New York Post)

George, can you please make sure the bird staff runs this in MONDAY'S ebird? Thanks.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: (b)(6)
To: (b)(6)
Sent: Fri Mar 11 07:06:53 2005
Subject: Babbin (New York Post)

TORTURE TRUTHS

By JED BABBIN

JUST how far were U.S. interrogators told they could go in questioning detainees in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay? A new report by Vice Adm. Albert T. Church III, the former navy inspector general, answers some questions pointedly, but raises many more.

The Defense Department has now done 11 investigations growing out of the Abu Ghraib prisoner-abuse scandal, which broke a year ago. Church testified to the Senate Armed Services committee on the latest report Thursday. His task was to trace any connection between the interrogation methods sanctioned by Defense to any abuses in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

At the outset of the war, the president determined, entirely correctly, that suspected terrorists and their ilk - such as the Taliban and later the so-called "Saddam Fedayeen" - weren't prisoners of war entitled to the protections afforded under the Geneva Conventions. Since we attacked Afghanistan in October 2001, the left has been working night and day to force a reversal of that decision. Its principal tool has become the abuses at the Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad.

Critics focused the confirmation hearings for Alberto Gonzales as attorney general on Justice Department and White House memos debating the definitions of torture. Ever since the Abu Ghraib scandal broke, others have blamed Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and the senior military leadership for creating an atmosphere in which prisoner abuse was, if not specifically permitted, at least inevitable.

The Church report proves those assertions wrong. It says, "We found, without exception, that the DoD and senior military commanders responsible for the formulation of interrogation policy evidenced the intent to treat detainees humanely, which is

fundamentally inconsistent with the notion that such officials or commanders ever accepted that detainee abuse would be permissible . . . [and] it is clear that none of the pictured abuses at Abu Ghraib bear any resemblance to approved policies at any level, in any theater."

But what about Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay? Weren't the interrogators just turned loose? In fact, no. Church wrote, "We found no link between approved interrogation techniques and detainee abuse."

Church found that most of the abuse cases didn't even come out of interrogations. "Of the 70 cases of . . . substantiated abuse, only 20 of these cases, or less than one-third, could be considered 'interrogation-related.'" The rest occurred in situations such as at the "point of capture" - where soldiers who've captured people they believed had caused the deaths or wounding of their pals got emotionally carried away.

According to Church, the incidence of abuse is not unique to any of the services, to active vs. reserve soldiers or other factors. (Thus, he apparently disagrees with the earlier Taguba report on Abu Ghraib, which found the reservist military police inadequately trained for detainee operations in the environment they encountered.) Every true interrogator's goal is to get actionable intelligence - reliable information that's translatable into offensive or defensive action. To get it, we must both abjure torture and reject the tide of political correctness that threatens to drown our interrogators.

Interrogation-related abuse is quite rare, the report notes: "At [Guantanamo Bay], where there have been over 24,000 interrogation sessions . . . there are only three cases of . . . substantiated abuse, all consisting of minor assaults in which [military intelligence] interrogators exceeded the bounds of approved interrogation policy."

But those bounds, as Church's report explains, remain blurry because "no universally accepted definitions of 'torture' or 'abuse' exist." All there is - in the Geneva Conventions, U.S. and international law - is the concept that detainees must be treated "humanely."

As the Church report shows, the terrorists are trained in our interrogation methods and how to resist them. When we use more aggressive techniques - as we did in the case of two "high-value" detainees at Guantanamo who resisted standard interrogation for months - the new techniques "successfully neutralized the two detainees' resistance training and yielded valuable intelligence."

Church said in a conference call Wednesday that our interrogators are now "clamped up" - declining to push interrogations as hard as they legally and morally can and should for fear of the next investigation that will come along.

We are punishing innovative interrogators, such as the two women at Guantanamo Bay, "who, on their own initiative, touched and spoke to detainees in a sexually-suggestive manner in order to incur stress based on the detainees' religious beliefs." Why should we punish those women? Why should we respect terrorists' religious beliefs when we - and a growing number of their co-religionists - say they are perverting their religion by their terrorism?

The most important finding Church makes is a negative one: that there is no universal definition of torture or abuse. American and allied interrogators shouldn't have to work in fear of prosecution under vague laws and treaties. So long as they do, they will remain "clamped up" - less effective than they must be if we are to get the actionable intelligence we need to save lives.

We have a clear definition of "torture" in U.S. law. Congress should - as clearly as possible, without trying to specify every possible circumstance - act quickly to specify what "abuse" means.

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Thanks for the update-always happy to hear from you.

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Bryan, sir...some of the passages did sound familiar. Pumped it out to senior (senior perhaps) leadership here to very good reviews. Thank you for helping us out over here. We haven't had a lot of bounce on the injured detainee release...which is what we had hoped for. However, as things go, it could be wrapped into a broader story as we near completion of the investigation into the Sgrenia incident. Bulgarian story has also played pretty heavily over here...I've been told when the Bulgarian official came to visit with MNC-I officials, he was provided a copy of a preliminary report...and as we all know...once you hand paper out expect ink on it to follow. The Iraqi gov't (three ministries) have denied the existence of the 39 headless bodies and say the resulting stories in the Western press were successful attempts by someone to specifically "misinform" (I read this as deceive) the Western press. The story didn't play heavily in the Iraqi media which leads me to believe Iraqi and other Pan-Arabic newspaper/television editors "smelled" something foul in the reports. Interesting that this came from a non-verifiable source, but that so many were willing to pick the story up. We're now preparing for the seating of the Transitional National Assembly and lots of work being done on security. I'll be at the Convention Center throughout the day as the senior STRATCOM rep. They don't want a lot of "uniforms" around during this event...which is very understandable. That's about it for now. Anything you need, just drop me a line. Will minimize my email to you so I don't fill up your already burgeoning email box...only the stuff I believe you should know in short order. Keep smiling my friend. More to come.

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Recognize any of the passages? You may not realize it but you coordinate on aspects of this last week:-). Nice job!

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Ladies & Gentlemen: Not a bad story from Dan Senor for your SA.

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Meanwhile, Back in Baghdad

From the March 21, 2005 issue: Life in sovereign Iraq.

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Baghdad

THE RECENT SUICIDE BOMBING in the southern Iraqi city of Al Hilla was, sadly, nothing new. Watching the news here with Iraqi friends, I thought I knew what would happen next, since it had happened often enough before I left Iraq eight months ago, when the United States handed over sovereignty to an Iraqi interim government. Then, the Iraqis standing around

the bank of televisions in our offices would have turned to me, the representative American, asking why we could not get security under control.

This time, however, the same Iraqi friends ignored me and instead participated in a protest: the first Iraqi-organized mass public protest, some 2,000 strong, in the 23 months since the fall of Saddam's regime. "The Americans" were no longer an address for frustration or salvation. Welcome to postelection Iraq.

And there are many more barometers of a new Iraqi mood, even as tens of thousands of foreign troops remain in the country and the brutal violence continues.

* Checkpoints and security--Last summer, most military checkpoints in Baghdad were manned by American soldiers. Iraqis were the first to deplore this "humiliation." But every checkpoint I've been through on this trip has been staffed by Iraqi soldiers.

Now American troops are increasingly behind the scenes, there to help if things get dicey. For most Iraqis, the checkpoint experience has become one of interface with their fellow citizens in uniform--an enormous psychological and symbolic change. A senior Defense Department official here discussed taking this process to the next step by employing Iraqi-only military patrols in the major cities.

Last year, Iraq's prime minister, deputy prime minister, and president were guarded by U.S. Special Forces. When these politicians appeared on local television, a ring of plainclothes Americans was often in the camera shot. At that time, Prime Minister Allawi visited the scenes of suicide bombings to project a strong "large and in charge" image. This effort was hampered by visuals of the tight circle of Americans who were keeping him alive. Now Iraqis have been trained to do the job--another important change.

As for the Iraqi security services, when I passed a recruiting facility in Baghdad, the line went on as far as the eye could see. It looked like a suicide bombing waiting to happen. But Iraqis have not been deterred. As the CENTCOM commander, General Abizaid, put it, "Each time an Iraqi soldier is killed, another steps up to take his place. And since the handover of sovereignty, more Iraqis have died in the line of duty in Iraq than Americans."

When I repeated this story to a Western reporter, he cynically responded: "Well that just shows you how desperate they are for jobs." Perhaps. But then how does one explain more than 8 million Iraqis who risked their lives, not for a job, but to vote?

As for Iraqi security performance, I asked U.S. troops in Baghdad for feedback. Some was glowing, some restrained, but none disparaging. At a minimum, there was real respect on the part our troops for Iraqis risking their lives for their own country. And while everyone agrees that Iraqi forces still have a way to go, their elite teams--like SWAT, emergency response, and counterinsurgency--are performing exceptionally well. They have been fully participating and are often taking the lead in complex and dangerous operations.

* The Iraqi press--Iraqi politicians are being scrutinized by a free press.

This has been going on for some time: Recall that the Oil-for-Food scandal was first exposed by a post-Saddam Iraqi newspaper. When I stopped by the International Press Center, Iraqi journalists--men and women--were busy filing stories about the horse-trading between the political parties. When the election results were officially announced, Iraqis crowded around television sets in cafés all over Baghdad, watching the news.

The Arab satellite channels themselves are going through a transformation. While Iraqis claim that Al Jazeera continues to be "the mouthpiece of the insurgency," its chief competitor, Al Arabiyah, has gotten serious about reporting news beyond the violence, notwithstanding some sensationalism from time to time.

On Election Day, Al Arabiyah had correspondents go live at polling places in six cities, north to south. When fence-sitting Iraqis tuned in that morning to decide whether to take the risk to vote, Al Arabiyah reported voter momentum rather than terrorist attacks. Momentum begets momentum.

Interestingly, Al Jazeera does not hold the dominant position in Iraq that it maintains in other Arab markets. It did launch about eight years ahead of Al Arabiyah, which emerged just before the Iraq war. But because Saddam had outlawed satellite dishes, both channels arrived at the same time in the homes of most Iraqis.

* Women--One of the Iraqi interim constitution's mandates resulted in every fourth position on each political party list being held by a woman. This produced female representation in the National Assembly at a higher rate than in the U.S. Congress.

Such newfound political rights are not as easily reversible as Western skeptics claim. A political constituency is being created, which was exactly the intent of the Iraqi Governing Council and the Coalition when they made this constitutional stipulation. Once women get comfortable with political power, it's not easy for Islamists to take it away without risk of revolt.

The example being set by Iraqis on women's rights goes beyond politics to myriad new women's rights organizations and to women's visibility in the press corps. Indeed, there is nothing more revolutionary than an Islamist politician being grilled by an abayah-clad female Iraqi reporter under the bright lights of pan-Arab television cameras broadcasting to the entire region.

* Arab nationalism--"What this election told us is that Arab nationalism is dead in Iraq," one Iraqi leader proudly proclaimed to me. If there's any doubt, watch Iraqis select a Kurd as their next president--the first time a member of a non-Arab minority will become the ceremonial head of an Arab country, in a part of the world not known for its respect for ethnic minority rights.

Even Iraqis' lack of interest in the "Zionist entity" is telling. This is not to say that Iraqis are supportive of Israel or unsympathetic to the Palestinians. It's just that they don't share the obsession with Israel that consumes some others in the region. The Iraqi political parties that ran on a Nasserite pan-Arab agenda performed dismally.

At Baghdad International Airport, the Iraqi employee of Royal Jordanian Airlines asked me

if my final destination from Baghdad was Amman. "No," I replied, "it's Tel Aviv." He didn't flinch, let alone launch into an anti-Israel tirade or deny me service. His only concern was how to tag my luggage so it could go all the way through. I told a Sunni Iraqi minister at the airport the same thing. He didn't miss a beat, either. Free Iraqis seem to be able to reconcile being agnostic about Israel with being sympathetic to the Palestinians. And, besides, Iraqis are preoccupied with jobs, electricity, and security, none of which they connect to the old pan-Arab scapegoat. Their outlet now is their own political process.

* Iraqi pride--When I was working in Iraq, I was struck by how proud Iraqis were of their country--surprising given that the modern state of Iraq has existed for only 85 years. Iraqis were quick to note that, until the Iran-Iraq war, they were always the first in the region, whether it was joining the U.N. or acquiring television sets. Saddam's tyranny destroyed much of that pride, and what was left was dealt a blow by the realization that it had taken a foreign power to liberate them.

Now, in the postelection euphoria, one begins to hear the word "first" again. Iraqis recognize the significance of the election not only for themselves, but for the region, which has renewed their sense of pride. As the spokesman for the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq put it when announcing the official results of the election: "Today Iraq is taking a new step toward . . . democracy." It was the first "true democratic experience" for Arab countries "and a model for the people of the area. . . . Today is the birth of a free Iraq . . . based on civilized democratic values."

On the day that Rafik Hariri, former prime minister of Lebanon, was assassinated, an Iraqi leader predicted to me that the response from the Lebanese people would be dramatically different because of the example set by the Iraqi election.

Even in Iraq's Sunni-majority areas, many people already resent the Association of Islamic Scholars for urging a boycott of the election, and so forcing them off the democratic train just as it was leaving the station. There is little doubt that Sunnis will participate at much higher rates in the two elections scheduled for later this year.

Even after Saddam's capture, many Iraqis seemed unable to fully believe that their country would not revert to tyranny, the only political reality most had ever known. Now, since the elections, Iraqis seem for the first time to be taking ownership of their country. They are proud, and determined not to let it go.

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Lar,

My apologies. I told the Standard copy editor to change "Navy Seals" to "Americans" in both places...she did in one, but in the other replaced with "Special Forces". Not helpful. I've seen Navy Seals elsewhere in print before. But, still, sorry about that.

I think you'll like the rest of the piece. Put in the bird if you think it would be helpful.

Here's the link to the piece...

<http://www.weeklystandard.com/>

Thanks!

-Dan

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Attachments: Harvard Speech Final.pdf; CFR Speech Final.pdf

Hi, Mr Feith asked if I could forward these two speeches to you and ask if you would send to David Ignatius (he thought you had a rapport with him). Mr Feith has also asked Mr DiRita to send it to his three databases (defense leaders, military analysts, and defense experts) so I've sent them to Murphy to work. Please let me know final outcome so I can feed the info back to Mr Feith (or just let him know at Monday's meeting)--thanks!

Words for email intro "....one of the most important elements of the President's and SecDef's foreign policy/strategy is the promotion of democratic institutions around the world. USD(P) Doug Feith just gave two speeches that deal with this issue, among others, and I commend them to your attention...."

thanks, (b)(6)



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Civil Liberties, Civil Society and Civility

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Good evening. It's good to be back at Harvard. As you've heard, I went to school here, at the College. I want to reassure the students in the audience: a Harvard degree does not have to be a liability. In conservative political circles, I've found, it may require some explaining, but many conservatives are open-minded and others are forgiving. As an example of this generosity of spirit, I'll tell you a true story:

Nearly thirty years ago, I had a piece of foreign policy juvenalia published in the journal of a conservative think tank. The biographical squib mentioned my recent college degree. A reader sent me a fan letter, asserting

as a compliment that I must have slept through my political science courses at Harvard to have written so sensible an article.

So much for right-wing humor.

Actually, I stayed rather attentive in my government classes in college – without much ill effect. As it happens, some of what I read in a “gov” course on political philosophy has had some bearing on work I’ve done at the Pentagon, some of which I’ll discuss this evening.

Two concepts I studied here are particularly relevant to the US strategy for the war on terrorism.

The first is civil liberties, and how to think about the balance between individual freedom and the powers of government. The second is the local character of governmental institutions, and whether they measure up to principles that are said to be universal.

As much civil liberty as possible

In the United States, national security refers to more than protecting territory or people. The United States is not just a country; it’s a country that lives in a certain way. The word “American” proclaims not an ethnic identity, but an association with a community regulated by our Constitution.

That's why, though one cannot instantly change one's ethnicity, millions of people have, by taking an oath, become not just American citizens, but Americans.

All of this is to say that civil liberties are not just a feature of life here, they are what defines us as a nation. The civil liberties of the American people therefore are what we aim to *secure* when we work on national *security* policy.

Part of my education here at Harvard was reading John Stuart Mill, who championed the ethical and practical benefits of liberal principles, principles that respect the worth of individuals and their equality under the law. In his writings, including his 1859 essay *On Liberty*, Mill argued that humane and sensible societies allow their people as much individual freedom as is consistent with "self-protection" or public safety.¹

Much of what makes Americans happy – their political freedom, economic prosperity, domestic tranquility and opportunity to better themselves – derives from the liberal and democratic nature of our society and the degree of mutual trust – sometimes referred to as social capital – that

¹ *The Philosophy of J. S. Mill*, ed., Marshall Cohen (New York: Modern Library, 1961), p. 197.

such a society engenders. It's hard to overstate the moral and material benefits that are rooted in that social capital, in that trust, in our freedom.

9/11 and the War

This, we should all appreciate, is what's at stake in the war on terrorism. Beyond the cost in lives and property, the 9/11 attack – or rather our reaction to it – exposed a far-reaching element of the threat posed by terrorism: To protect ourselves physically, we might feel compelled to change fundamentally the way we live, sacrificing our society's openness for hoped-for safety.

Because of our historical good fortune, we Americans enjoyed for a long time a high degree of public safety and so became accustomed to thinking that the liberal openness of our way of life is not only sacred but immutable. But a community's freedom depends on circumstances. Societies inevitably adjust to allow the state to fulfill its most basic duty: providing security. As noted, even such uncompromising champions of liberty as Mill bow to the exigencies of public safety. Our Constitution and the judges that interpret it often seem to be saying that our freedoms are absolute, but when danger becomes oppressive, people are wont to recall the quip that the Constitution is not a suicide pact.

In the immediate aftermath of 9/11, concerned that another attack may be in the works, our government took actions to eliminate vulnerabilities that the hijackers had turned to their advantage.

- We shut down air travel throughout the U.S. When it resumed, we intensified airport security measures and folks now have to remember to wear duly mended socks when they plan to fly.
- At the same time, the government restricted the issuance of visas, thus affecting not only the freedom of foreigners to travel, but the freedom of Americans to host them.
- And new legislation allowed intelligence and law enforcement agencies to share information more readily.

These were steps deemed prudent, indeed necessary, in the light of what we knew – and what we didn't know – at the time. My interest here is not to defend particular measures. Rather, it's to stress that, beyond the human and material costs it imposes, terrorism takes advantage of and thereby endangers the openness and trust that allow us to enjoy freedom and prosperity.

If another 9/11 happened, especially an attack involving the use of nuclear or biological weapons, who could doubt that our society would respond by increasing further the powers of government, affecting our freedoms? As has happened over and over again for the last 35 years or so, since the era of airplane hijacking got into full swing, security measures that once seemed outrageous could over time become routine.

Such thoughts weighed on President Bush and his advisers as they considered, in the period immediately after 9/11, how to prevent the next attack against the United States. If the strategy for preventing that next attack were to be solely or even primarily defensive, it would require a wholesale clamping down, not just at our borders but throughout the country.

President Bush early on recognized that 9/11 was an act of war, not merely a law enforcement matter and that the enemy is not a single group, but a network of extremists and their state and non-state supporters. The President declared that our war aim is to defeat terrorism as a threat to our way of life as a free and open society. We could not achieve that aim – for we could not maintain a free and open society – with a solely defensive strategy. To preserve civil liberties, the President had to adopt a strategy of

disrupting terrorist networks abroad, where they do much of their planning, recruiting and training. He had to adopt a strategy of initiative and offense. I put it this way: The President decided that, in dealing with the terrorists, he either had to change the way *we* live, or change the way *they* live.

Taking the war to the enemy has been necessary, but not sufficient. Many months ago, in one of his famous "snowflake" memoranda (which leaked to a newspaper), Secretary Rumsfeld asked: Are we capturing or killing terrorists faster than our enemies can recruit new terrorists? Now, the Secretary knows that attacking enemy networks keeps the terrorists off balance and can deprive them of what they need to operate. What the Secretary wanted to highlight was that such action cannot produce victory in the war so long as those networks can regenerate themselves.

Countering Ideological Support for Terrorism

To defeat our enemies in this war, we'll have to do more than disrupt and attack; we'll have to counter their ideology. It's the attractiveness of extremist ideology to certain segments of the Muslim world that motivates people to join or help the terrorist groups. As the 9/11 Commission noted, the US aim, in addition to attacking the terrorist groups, should be to

“prevail[...] in the longer term over the ideology that gives rise to Islamist terrorism.”²

The first part of this “battle of ideas” is the effort to de-legitimize terrorism. The purposeful targeting of ordinary people going about their lives in offices, markets and such places is not a political method that deserves credit or pardon from decent people. This is what President Bush is driving at when he says that US policy aims to make terrorism like the slave trade, piracy, or genocide – activities that nobody who aspires to respectability can condone, much less support. It’s an ambitious goal to change the way millions of people think.

But it can be done. History yields examples of successful ideological campaigns. Particularly noteworthy, in my view, is Britain’s effort in the 19th century to suppress the international slave trade. It was a protracted, multifaceted, far-flung enterprise. The British Navy had a leading role, as did the Church. Journalists, diplomats and university figures all worked for the cause. The effort took more than fifty years, succeeding ultimately not only in suppressing to a large extent that sad commerce, but in de-legitimizing it. At the end of the 19th century, the civilized world didn’t justify or excuse the slave trade, as had commonly been done when the

² 9/11 Commission Report, p. 363.

century began. The British effort changed the way millions of people thought, talked and acted.

Britain's fight against the slave trade involved – in today's phrase – all instruments of national power. It used "hard" (that is, military) power and "soft." It tapped the energies of the government and of society at large.

Similarly, non-governmental institutions today – universities, think tanks, other NGOs – have a role to play in the ideological struggle against terrorism. Such institutions can in various ways wage the battle of ideas in the war on terrorism more effectively than can our government.

Government policy makers have the task of finding proper and effective means to encourage that effort.

De-legitimizing terrorism is but one component of the strategy to counter ideological support for our extremist enemies. President Bush, in recent speeches has been emphasizing another: promotion of civil society, political freedom and self-government. As he said in his Second Inaugural address:

The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world.

America's vital interests and our deepest beliefs are now one.

This has produced controversy. I'll deal here with two lines of criticism that I find particularly interesting. One is that the President is too ambitious, in that he should not expect to be able to implant democracy in what is said to be unfertile soil. The other is that the President is not ambitious enough in pressing certain countries to implement principles of liberal democracy.

The Burkean Critique

The first line of criticism – that he is too sanguine about promoting democracy – might be labeled “Burkean,” as in Edmund Burke, one of the philosophers to whom I was introduced here at Harvard. In college and since, I read and re-read his works with admiration and profit. Burke teaches that successful political institutions are rooted in local soil. They grow organically, as it were, out of the culture, situation and historical experience of particular people. Burke warns of the catastrophes that can result from arrogant rationalists using philosophical abstractions for the revolutionary remaking of societies.

Burke's arguments have power not only because they are elegantly articulated, but because they were vindicated so bloodily in the French

Revolution, in the course of which he wrote some of his greatest work, and then vindicated again repeatedly over the next two centuries in the Bolshevik Revolution and in other murderous projects of grand social engineering. If the test of a theory is that it predicts, then Burke's writings deserve high grades and careful consideration.

I see President Bush's promotion of human freedom not as arrogance or naïve and rampant Wilsonianism. The President starts, I believe, from the well-grounded observation that societies with free political institutions provide their people with greater personal liberty and prosperity than do societies without such institutions. He observes that the rejection of tyranny and the aspiration for freedom are not peculiar to our particular culture. As he said in his Second Inaugural: "America will not pretend that jailed dissidents prefer their chains, or that women welcome humiliation and servitude, or that any human being aspires to live at the mercy of bullies."

At the same time, the President has made a point of *not* urging, let alone imposing, American-style political institutions on other countries.

He doesn't believe that there's a single model of democratic governance that can function everywhere. Actually, he has said the opposite: "As we watch and encourage reforms in the [Middle East], we are

mindful that modernization is not the same as Westernization.

Representative governments in the Middle East will reflect their own cultures. They will not, and should not, look like us.”³ The President, I submit, is here voicing the modest prudence of Burkean restraint.

Democracies on a Spectrum of Liberality

So we come to the second line of criticism – not that the Administration is trying to impose our ideas of democracy on unwilling or unready Afghans or Iraqis, but rather the opposite: that the Administration is tolerating political institutions in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere that don't count as democratic because they don't measure up to American standards.

The critics here commonly focus on the new Afghan Constitution and Iraq's interim constitution, known as the Transitional Administrative Law. Both refer to Islam as the state religion.

Neither document, to be sure, would pass muster by US constitutional law standards. But are these freshly produced constitutions therefore undemocratic?

³ Remarks At The 20th Anniversary Of The National Endowment For Democracy, November 6, 2003.

Both documents state protections for rights of non-Muslims. The Afghan Constitution says that "Followers of other religions [other than Islam] are free to perform their religious rites within the limits of the provisions of law" and that the Afghan "state shall abide by ... the Universal Declaration of Human Rights."⁴

The Iraqi interim constitution painstakingly balances Islam's official status with the rights of non-Muslims:

Islam is the official religion of the State and is to be considered a source of legislation. No law [may] contradict[...] the universally agreed tenets of Islam, the principles of democracy, or the [individual] rights cited in [the interim constitution]... [The interim constitution] guarantees the full religious rights of all individuals to freedom of religious belief and practice.⁵

Among the individual rights referred to here are those in the following provision:

Each Iraqi has the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religious belief and practice. Coercion in such matters shall be prohibited.⁶

Are such provisions incompatible with a decent political order, with human freedom or with democracy?

⁴ Articles 2 and 7.

⁵ Article 7(A).

⁶ Article 13(F).

Before we answer, we should consider the rather wide spectrum of liberality across which are ranged the world's democratic countries. The more individualist democracies, generally the countries of "new settlement," are on the liberal side of the spectrum. On the other are those democracies, generally countries with national histories that reach back into antiquity, that are comfortable giving legal recognition to religious or ethnic groups.

In some countries, democracy might not be workable if it were not possible to take into account the interests of these groups *as groups*, however un-American that concept is. As illiberal as it is to give groups *as groups* legal rights and privileges, it has been deemed necessary in some democratic countries, where historical experience has made it impossible for members of various groups to relate to each other simply as fellow-citizens.

Now, on this spectrum of democracies, the United States is ensconced at the liberal end. We pride ourselves on laws that respect the liberty and political equality of individual citizens. Our political institutions (the US Senate and the Electoral College being notable anomalies) stand on the principle of one man, one vote. We have no king and no established church and our Constitution (since the Civil War, in principle, and since the civil

rights movement, in fact) disallows invidious recognition of race, religion or ethnic identity.

But, as I've noted, fundamental as these features are to the *American* political system, they are by no means universal among the world's democracies.

- The heads of state of such venerable democratic countries as Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom are hereditary monarchs.
- The UK and Denmark have established churches.
- In a number of democracies, such as France and Germany, the state pays clerics.
- Many democracies have religious symbols on their flags – for example, Switzerland and Norway each have a cross; on the UK flag there are two crosses.
- Even in liberal and tolerant Canada, there are laws concerning the font sizes in which store-front signs must announce their wares in French and in other languages.

And democracies differ from one another also regarding other matters of civil liberties:

- British libel laws are much stricter than those in the United States. Germany and France make the uttering of certain opinions (for example, denial of the Holocaust) a criminal offense. Such laws would be regarded in the United States as violations of freedom of speech.
- Finally, police search powers differ widely among democratic states. Many European states give their police powers that would, in the United States, be regarded as unreasonable infringements on privacy.

Given the variety of political institutions even among the advanced industrial democracies of the West, no one should be surprised if and when new democracies in other parts of the world emerge looking quite different from our own. As more and more societies achieve self-government, they will evolve institutions and practices that fit their own cultures and circumstances.

Conclusion: Democracy and Debate

One of the impressive things about the Afghan and Iraqi constitutions I've been discussing is that they were created through democratic debate, not dictatorial fiat. Indeed, orderly, reasoned and respectful debate of controversial subjects is crucial for the functioning of democratic government. It may even have a place at American universities.

As you've heard, I'm a fan of Edmund Burke. At the end of his "Reflections on the Revolution in France," he claims that he is someone "in whose breast no anger durable or vehement has ever been kindled, but by what he considered as tyranny."⁷ This strikes me as a kind of gold standard for those who would enter the public debate in a democracy.

In a similar vein, J. S. Mill, though hardly an ally of Burke on most issues, notes with respect to democratic debate: "The worst offence ... which can be committed by a polemic, is to stigmatize those who hold the contrary opinion as bad and immoral men."⁸

Indeed, as Mill points out:

In the case of any person whose judgment is really deserving of confidence, how has it become so? Because he has kept his mind open to criticism of his opinions and conduct. Because it has been his practice to listen to all that could be said against

⁷ Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*, (Penguin Books, 1968), p. 376.

⁸ *The Philosophy of J. S. Mill*, ed., Marshall Cohen (New York: Modern Library, 1961), p. 247.

him; to profit by as much as was just and expound to himself, and upon occasion to others, the fallacy of what was fallacious.⁹

In both Afghanistan and Iraq democratic debate is in its infancy. We hope that tolerance and compromise will become habitual there and make possible – though the process will likely be long and tumultuous – the creation of prosperous democratic societies. We may even be seeing early signs that political progress in those countries is having benign influence on others in the region, including the Palestinians and the Lebanese.

This has been an exciting time to be in government and to witness, encourage and perhaps help enable the blossoming of humane ideas of liberty and self-government, the exposition of which one had the good fortune not to sleep through many years earlier in a Harvard classroom.

Thank you.

⁹ *The Philosophy of J. S. Mill*, ed., Marshall Cohen (New York: Modern Library, 1961), pp. 208-09.

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From: Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2005 9:03 AM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Jeb Babbin editorial -- need to keep this dog fed

Done
COL George H. Rhynedance

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

From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA <larry.dirit@^{(b)(6)}
To: Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA <George.Rhynedance@^{(b)(6)}
Sent: Fri Mar 11 09:01:32 2005
Subject: Fw: Jeb Babbin editorial -- need to keep this dog fed

For monday's early bird, pls. Tnx

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA <Bryan.Whitman@^{(b)(6)}
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA <larry.dirit@^{(b)(6)}
CC: Geren, Pete, CIV, OSD <Pete.Geren@^{(b)(6)}
Sent: Fri Mar 11 08:17:53 2005
Subject: Jeb Babbin editorial -- need to keep this dog fed

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TORTURE TRUTHS

By JED BABBIN

JUST how far were U.S. interrogators told they could go in questioning detainees in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay? A new report by Vice Adm. Albert T. Church III, the former navy inspector general, answers some questions pointedly, but raises many more. The Defense Department has now done 11 investigations growing out of the Abu Ghraib prisoner-abuse scandal, which broke a year ago. Church testified to the Senate Armed Services committee on the latest report Thursday. His task was to trace any connection between the interrogation methods sanctioned by Defense to any abuses in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

At the outset of the war, the president determined, entirely correctly, that suspected terrorists and their ilk - such as the Taliban and later the so-called "Saddam Fedayeen" - weren't prisoners of war entitled to the protections afforded under the Geneva Conventions. Since we attacked Afghanistan in October 2001, the left has been working night and day to force a reversal of that decision. Its principal tool has become the abuses at the Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad.

Critics focused the confirmation hearings for Alberto Gonzales as attorney general on Justice Department and White House memos debating the definitions of torture. Ever since the Abu Ghraib scandal broke, others have blamed Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and the senior military leadership for creating an atmosphere in which prisoner abuse was, if not specifically permitted, at least inevitable.

The Church report proves those assertions wrong. It says, "We found, without exception, that the DoD and senior military commanders responsible for the formulation of interrogation policy evidenced the intent to treat detainees humanely, which is fundamentally inconsistent with the notion that such officials or commanders ever accepted that detainee abuse would be permissible . . . [and] it is clear that none of the pictured abuses at Abu Ghraib bear any resemblance to approved policies at any level, in any theater."

But what about Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay? Weren't the interrogators just turned loose? In fact, no. Church wrote, "We found no link between approved interrogation techniques and detainee abuse."

Church found that most of the abuse cases didn't even come out of interrogations. "Of the 70 cases of . . . substantiated abuse, only 20 of these cases, or less than one-third, could be considered 'interrogation-related.'" The rest occurred in situations such as at

the "point of capture" - where soldiers who've captured people they believed had caused the deaths or wounding of their pals got emotionally carried away.

According to Church, the incidence of abuse is not unique to any of the services, to active vs. reserve soldiers or other factors. (Thus, he apparently disagrees with the earlier Taguba report on Abu Ghraib, which found the reservist military police inadequately trained for detainee operations in the environment they encountered.) Every true interrogator's goal is to get actionable intelligence - reliable information that's translatable into offensive or defensive action. To get it, we must both abjure torture and reject the tide of political correctness that threatens to drown our interrogators. Interrogation-related abuse is quite rare, the report notes: "At [Guantanamo Bay], where there have been over 24,000 interrogation sessions . . . there are only three cases of . . . substantiated abuse, all consisting of minor assaults in which [military intelligence] interrogators exceeded the bounds of approved interrogation policy."

But those bounds, as Church's report explains, remain blurry because "no universally accepted definitions of 'torture' or 'abuse' exist." All there is - in the Geneva Conventions, U.S. and international law - is the concept that detainees must be treated "humanely."

As the Church report shows, the terrorists are trained in our interrogation methods and how to resist them. When we use more aggressive techniques - as we did in the case of two "high-value" detainees at Guantanamo who resisted standard interrogation for months - the new techniques "successfully neutralized the two detainees' resistance training and yielded valuable intelligence."

Church said in a conference call Wednesday that our interrogators are now "clamped up" - declining to push interrogations as hard as they legally and morally can and should for fear of the next investigation that will come along.

We are punishing innovative interrogators, such as the two women at Guantanamo Bay, "who, on their own initiative, touched and spoke to detainees in a sexually-suggestive manner in order to incur stress based on the detainees' religious beliefs." Why should we punish those women? Why should we respect terrorists' religious beliefs when we - and a growing number of their co-religionists - say they are perverting their religion by their terrorism?

The most important finding Church makes is a negative one: that there is no universal definition of torture or abuse. American and allied interrogators shouldn't have to work in fear of prosecution under vague laws and treaties. So long as they do, they will remain "clamped up" - less effective than they must be if we are to get the actionable intelligence we need to save lives.

We have a clear definition of "torture" in U.S. law. Congress should - as clearly as possible, without trying to specify every possible circumstance - act quickly to specify what "abuse" means.

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From: Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 5:48 PM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Subject: RE:

They have it for action....

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

From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 4:54 PM
To: Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Subject: Fw:

Let's be on the lookout for a senior piece in the weekly standard for monday's bird...tnx

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: Dan Senor <dansenor@^{(b)(6)}>
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA <larry.dirita@^{(b)(6)}>
Sent: Thu Mar 10 16:50:03 2005
Subject: Re:

it will appear in next week's issue and will be on their website on Sat night or Sun morning...if you could put it in the monday bird, that would be great.

--- "Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA" <larry.dirita@osd.mil> wrote:

> When will it appear? We can throw it in the bird...

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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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> -----Original Message-----

> **From:** Dan Senor <dansenor@^{(b)(6)}>
> **To:** Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
> <larry.dirita@^{(b)(6)}>
> **Sent:** Thu Mar 10 16:33:41 2005
> **Subject:** Re:

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> okay.

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> i think you all will long the piece in its entirety

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> it's a pretty lengthy look at four barometers (iraqi security forces, iraqi press, iraqi women, and iraqi pride), and i show how in each area the trendlines are

> strong...things are getting much better.

> --- "Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA"

> <larry.dirita@^{(b)(6)}> wrote:

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> > Still checking on that. Want to make sure I got the

> > names of the types of

> > units right...

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> > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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> > From: Dan Senor <dansenor@(b)(6)>
> > To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
> > <larry.dirita@(b)(6)>
> > Sent: Thu Mar 10 16:29:50 2005
> > Subject: Re:
> >
> > very good...thanks.
> >
> > is the part on the elite iraqi teams playing a
> > lead
> > role on some ops okay?
> > --- "Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA"
> > <larry.dirita@(b)(6)> wrote:
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> > > Great insights...dan--may want to qualify your
> > > comments a bit
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> > > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
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> > > -----Original Message-----
> > > From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
> > > <Bryan.Whitman@(b)(6)>
> > > To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
> > > <larry.dirita@(b)(6)>
> > > Sent: Thu Mar 10 16:22:31 2005
> > > Subject: RE:
> > >
> > > It's good -- I concur with your concerns.
> > > Additionally I wonder with the
> > > recent checkpoint shooting, if the point about
> > > Iraqis managing all the
> > > checkpoints might be a bit overstated and leave
> > > the
> > > reader to challenge
> > > other aspects.
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> > > -----Original Message-----
> > > From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
> > > Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 3:45 PM
> > > To: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
> > > Subject: Fw:
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> > > Pls take a look at this email string and let me
> > > know
> > > what you think. Tnx
> > > -----
> > > . Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
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> > > -----Original Message-----
> > > From: Dan Senor <dansenor@(b)(6)>
> > > To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
> > > <larry.dirita@(b)(6)>
> > > Sent: Thu Mar 10 15:40:01 2005
> > > Subject: Re:
> > >
> > > okay, glad i checked. are the allawi graphs fine
> > > so
> > > long as i don't specify
> > > beyond "americans"?
> > > --- "Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA"
> > > <larry.dirita@(b)(6)> wrote:
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> > > Enjoyed our brief visit last week...cheers
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> > > From: Dan Senor <dansenor@(b) (b)>
> > > To: Di Rita Larry CIV OSD
> > > <larry.dirita@ (b) (b)>
> > > ldirita@ (b) (b)
> > > <ldirita@ (b) (b)>
> > > Sent: Thu Mar 10 14:03:31 2005
> > > Subject:
> > >
> > > Larry,
> > >
> > > Good to see you last week.
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> > > I'm publishing an article in the Standard next
> > > week that points to all
> > > the positive developments I observed on my
> > recent
> > trip to Iraq.
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> > > One section relates to Iraqi security forces,
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From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 4:32 PM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Subject: RE:

Will do

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

From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 4:31 PM
To: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: Re:

Maybe mnfi? I am personally comfortable with it based on the briefings/demos we got in iraq. Not sure if I got the names of the individual forces yet...

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA <Bryan.Whitman@
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA <larry.dirita@
Sent: Thu Mar 10 16:26:19 2005
Subject: RE:

I'll try to wash it around -- but it really is in the eye of the beholder. Again I think it maybe unnecessarily overstated. Anyone in particular you might me to run it by?

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

From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 4:07 PM
To: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: Fw:

Can you have someone do a basic sanity check on the following graf dan has in a forthcoming article. Part of the same article I sent you some text from earlier...tnx

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: Dan Senor <dansenor@
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA <larry.dirita@
Sent: Thu Mar 10 15:59:46 2005
Subject: Re:

Lar, I integrated your most recent suggestion into another graph from another part of the article. Let me know if the facts are correct...thanks!

---As for Iraqi security force performance, I asked US troops in Baghdad for feedback. Some glowing, some restrained, but none disparaging. At a minimum, there was a real respect on the part our troops for Iraqis risking their lives for their own country. And while everyone agrees that Iraqi forces still have a way to go, their elite teams -- like SWAT, emergency response, and counterinsurgency -- are performing exceptionally well. They have been fully participating and are often taking the lead in complex and dangerous operations.

--- "Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA"

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> From: Dan Senor <dansenor@[REDACTED]>
> To: Di Rita Larry CIV OSD
> <larry.dirita@[REDACTED]>; ldirita@[REDACTED] <ldirita@[REDACTED]>
> Sent: Thu Mar 10 14:03:31 2005
> Subject:
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> process to the next step by employing Iraqi-only military patrols in
> the major cities.
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> Last year, Iraq's Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, and President
> were guarded by US special forces.
> When
> these politicians appeared on local television, a ring of
> plain-clothed Americans was often in the camera shot.
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> At that time, Prime Minister Allawi visited the scenes of suicide
> bombings to project a strong 'large and in-charge' image. This effort
> was greatly hampered by visuals of the tight circle of Navy Seals who

> were keeping him alive. Now Iraqis have been trained to do the job -
> another important change.
>
> As for the Iraqi security services, when I passed a recruiting
> facility in Baghdad, the line went on as far as the eye could see. It
> looked like a suicide bombing waiting to happen, as events this week
> in al-Hilla reminded us. But Iraqis have not been
> deterred. As the Centcom Commander, General
> Abizaid,
> put it, "each time an Iraqi soldier is killed, another steps up to
> take his place. And since the handover of sovereignty, more Iraqis
> have died in the line of duty in Iraq than Americans."
>
> When I repeated this story to a western reporter, he cynically
> responded: "Well that just shows you how desperate they are for
> jobs." Perhaps. But then how does one explain 8.8 million Iraqis who
> risked their lives, not for a job, but to vote?
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From: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2005 8:49 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Subject: Today's Spectator (Jed Babbin)

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March SGO

By Jed Babbin
Published 3/7/2005 12:07:44 AM

Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, creating a new job market for hit men under the age of 18, opined that American law -- and that dusty old Constitution that sits in increasing irrelevance behind a plate of glass down Capitol Hill from Kennedy's perch -- was out of step with the rest of the world. That would be enough SGO for any month, but it's certainly the clearest written excogitation of this month's theme. (For those just joining us, "SGO" is the immortal acronym that sprang from the overly-active mind of my pal and former SEAL Al Clark for the phrase, "s\$%t goin' on.")

We are, thankfully, so out of step with Europe that even when we appear to be in step -- as in telling Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad to get out of Lebanon -- no one, including Assad, takes it seriously. France has joined us in telling the Syrians to end their occupation of Lebanon forthwith. If we can count on the French for anything, it's only that they are likely whispering to Assad what they told his Baathist pal Saddam three March's ago: that they won't really do anything, and can tie us up in the U.N. so that we won't either. Assad is dancing the Saddam waltz, playing for time with meaningless promises to withdraw Syrian forces from Lebanon gradually, meaning not at all. The latest -- announced yesterday -- is a withdrawal beginning today, to move Syrian troops back to the Syrian-Lebanese border, but still in Lebanon. That which is moved today can be moved back tomorrow, with equal ease.

We have both underestimated and overestimated Assad. He's not the dummy we have thought, but his personal power is limited. His generals and advisers -- most leftovers from his father's reign -- are his power base, and they'd trade him for a short beer if they saw the need. Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed terrorist organization, controls much of southern Lebanon and has been used by Assad to threaten Israel. Hezbollah is not under Assad's control. It will do what the mullahs in Tehran tell it to do, and they're not about to tell them to withdraw.

Syria will have to be solved militarily and the longer we wait to do it the easier it will be for the terrorists to escape, to move weapons, money, and people to another sanctuary. Dubya is setting himself up for another long bout of quagmire diplomacy in the U.N. It won't work any better than it did on Iraq. Better to act and ask forgiveness than to wait for permission. Especially when Bad Vlad Putin is on the prowl.

THE MOST DANGEROUS HEADLINE of the week is the one leading the story of Russia's imminent launch of two Iranian spy satellites. Planned for launch some time between April and June, the "Mesbah" and "Sinah-1" satellites -- Iran's first -- will be a major strategic increase of Iran's military and terrorist capabilities. There is no reason to think that the satellites -- which must have been built by the Russians for Iran -- will do any less. Moreover, these satellites almost certainly have secure

communication capabilities, which will make Iran's terrorist operations -- through Hezbollah, al Qaeda, and other groups it is allied with -- much more effective and less vulnerable to attack. Our anti-satellite weapons capability (which is still aborning) should be put high on the agenda for development and implementation. And the Iranian satellites should be taken out at the first opportunity.

Russia's alliance with Iran makes impossible any effective U.N. or European diplomatic action to defuse the Iranian nuclear weapons program. President Bush is making a major mistake in creating an easy political environment for Putin to push Russia's centuries-old ambitions in the Caucasus by helping Iran achieve its nuclear ambitions. By joining in the European effort to negotiate Iran's nuclear program away, the President is emboldening Russia and Iran both, and further muddying our incoherent policy toward the mullahs. By doing so, he will neither lead the Europeans to divorce themselves from feckless diplomacy nor isolate Iran. Europe will always appease, even when appeasement means the rise of another nuclear power that will threaten it directly, as Iran will. We need to sort out what we will do about Iran, and get on with it. Peace -- here and in the Middle East -- cannot be achieved until we do. There will be no progress this week, because the world's attention will again be on allegations of American prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay.

LAST WEEK, THE BBC called to ask what I knew of the allegations made by a Libyan detainee (who, until captured in Pakistan, was a resident of the UK) that Libyans had interrogated him at the Baghram air base in Afghanistan, having been flown there secretly by a CIA aircraft. One Omar Deghayes claims he was threatened with removal to Libya, where he would be treated ungenerously by Qaddafi's secret police. When I checked with an intelligence source, it denied knowledge of any Libyan involvement (which means close to nothing). When I asked a Defense Department source, he laughed uproariously but said not a word. Which means, methinks, that a couple of Middle Eastern-looking guys on our payroll (dressed up in Libyan uniforms) visited Mr. Deghayes to interrogate him and succeeded in scaring the hell out of him. (Were I in charge, it could also mean that the whole incident was concocted simply to see how long it would take for the rumor of Libyan involvement to be picked up in the Brit media.) But regardless of the mind games we are playing with Mr. Deghayes and the Beeb, this will be a very rough week on the prisoner abuse issue.

On Thursday VAdm. Albert T. Church III -- former Navy inspector general, and now director of Navy staff -- will report in Senate testimony the results of the DoD inquiry into detainee interrogation methods. Senators will dredge up every abuse at Abu Ghraib, every allegation of abuse coming out of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and every other horrible thing they can, seeking yet again to score a soundbite on the CBS Evening News. (Gunga Dan Rather gives up the anchor chair on Wednesday. Pity. It'd be worth putting up with him for one more night to see how he slanted this story.) Despite the Senate theatrics, there may be some light shed on what's going on.

Church will probably say, as the Schlesinger panel said before him, that there is no policy permitting torture, that our interrogators are well supervised, and that our interrogators aren't permitted to mistreat or degrade detainees. What won't be asked will be more important than what will be. Are we imposing false limits on interrogation methods that are hampering our ability to get information we may need desperately? Are we limiting techniques such as degradation, body clock manipulation and such, more than we legally and morally must? Seems to me that our people should be able to do more than say, "Your mamma wears combat boots."

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2005 5:27 PM
To: (b)(6) Barber, Allison;
(b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: CHURCH REPORT INTERVIEW

For your planning: As of COB today, the latest word we have is that VADM Church has declined to do the internal interviews LtCol (b)(6) requested on our behalf. However, we have a very TENTATIVE interview instead with MG Donald Ryder, Provost Marshal General of the Army, on Tuesday, 8 Mar. Time TBD. This interview would also be embargoed until VADM Church's SASC testimony Thursday. Everything subject to change next week, of course.

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-----Original Message-----
From: (b)(6) Lt Col, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2005 8:38 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: Church Report Communication Strategy

(b)(6)

Tell me if I screwed anything up....just worried about them delaying so long on making decisions that we miss the opportunities or make them more painful by last minute coordination. (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----
From: (b)(6) Lt Col, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2005 8:35 AM
To: (b)(6) C CDR
Cc: (b)(6) CAPT, OSD-CIO, (b)(6) LT
Subject: Church Report Communication Strategy

(b)(6)

As we discussed yesterday, part of the communication strategy involves "internal/military" coverage and engagement with retired military analysts. Both of these are very low threat and offer a big payback. The key is to schedule them now so that we don't miss this opportunity. Recommend the following:

Pentagon Channel Interview/American Forces Press Service Interview: Monday, 7 March, 1230, 30 Minutes (Location in Building, studio TBD)

- Admiral to discuss his charter, general findings, and any thoughts he wishes to share..."ie, comprehensive review, hundreds of interviews in multiple locations with all types of experts, etc."
- In order to maximize the Admiral's time, the print journalist takes notes during the video interview...and then is offered 10 mins to ask follow-up questions once the 15 min video interview ends.
- NONE of the information will be released in any way/shape/form until after Congressional testimony
- Idea is for "our folks" to capture these interviews right away with Admiral Church so they have a couple of days to produce their stories.
- Another benefit is this would allow a review of the video script and the print story(s) prior to use---but review must be done rapidly
- Will also arrange for appropriate OSD/Army leader for a different story on Detention Ops reforms

Retired Military Analyst Conference Call: Wednesday, 9 Mar, 1500, 45 Minutes

- Admiral Church and OSD/Army Rep to conduct the call. There are about 50 retired military analysts that are part of this group...these are the folks that end up on FOX, CNN, etc interpreting military happenings.
- These calls are conducted frequently and offer HUGE payback...these end up being the people carrying the mail on talk shows (@50 analysts, but not all of them will join the call due to their schedules. Many are retired flag officers.)
- Everything discussed will be embargoed until the start of testimony on Thursday---these folks will honor the embargo

Please let me know if we can lock into these times/activities. Thanks. - (b)(6)

V/R

(b)(6)

Lt. Col., U.S. Air Force
Defense Press Officer
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)

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(b)(6)

From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2005 5:51 PM
To: (b)(6) Lt Col, OASD-PA
Cc: Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD-PA; Keck, Gary, Col, OASD-PA; Carpenter, Joe, LCDR OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Church Update

I talked to LD and he is going to respond back to Church on that email.

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Subject: Church Update

Mr Whitman

Sir, with your permission, I'd like to try & block the following on the Admiral's calendar (can change if they end up conflicting w/Schlesinger meeting):

-Pentagon Channel/AFPS Interviews (Monday, 7 March, noon, Air Force studio, 30 Minutes) *Embargoed until conclusion of Friday testimony
-On-the-Record Military Analyst Conference Call (Wednesday, 9 Mar, 3 p.m., Ms Barber's office, 30 Minutes) *Embargoed until beginning of Friday testimony

Regarding Heather Mac Donald (spoke w/her today) and Jed Babbin, don't think we need either to physically come in to the Pentagon to meet with Admiral Church--can do something on the phone with him and others if need be. Mr Babbin, for example, will be on the analyst call anyway. Key is to get them some printed material (they will honor embargo) as early next week as possible.

Heard plenty of rumors today, but few facts: maybe MG Ryder instead of LTG Alexander; maybe Mr Waxman instead of Mr Henry.

Also spoke with CDR Chun at CHINFO. Seems like one of the Admiral's concerns was that doing a press brief following testimony would mean reporters would grill him over responses he gave to committee members. However, I sensed that the Admiral understands why this brief may be necessary.--V/R John

Attached is the email I sent Captain Lambert re: Church Testimony Prep dates/times.

<< Message: Testimony & Media Prep Sessions - Church Report >>

V/R

(b)(6)
Lt. Col., U.S. Air Force
Defense Press Officer
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)

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From: (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2005 4:42 PM
To: 'Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA'
Cc: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Research you wanted
Attachments: SpecialOpsClips.2.25.doc



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Please see attachment for full details.

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

From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA [mailto:larry.dirita@(b)(6)]
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2005 1:56 PM
To: (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA
Cc: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Subject:

Please get me a tally of the places where the following story or related story ran around the country. The wash post articles frequently get carried elsewhere around the country/world. Trx.

<http://ebird.afis.osd.mil/ebfiles/e20050224353807.html>

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From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2005 11:14 AM
To: (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA
Subject: Re: From my team - overview of comments this week by retired military personnel serving as TV analysts - FYI

Tnx

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA (b)(6)
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA <larry.dirita(b)(6)>; Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA <allison.barber(b)(6)>; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA <Bryan.Whitman(b)(6)>; Ruff, Eric, CIV, OASD-PA <eric.ruff(b)(6)>; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA <dallas.lawrence(b)(6)>; Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA <George.Rhynedance(b)(6)>; (b)(6) Capt, USMC, OASD-PA (b)(6)
Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD-PA <Roxie.Merritt(b)(6)>
CC: (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/CNS (b)(6) (b)(6)
HQ/CNS (b)(6) LCDR, OASD-PA (b)(6)

Sent: Fri Feb 25 11:07:43 2005
Subject: From my team - overview of comments this week by retired military personnel serving as TV analysts - FYI

- Ken Allard:
- * American citizen conspiring to assassinate President Bush (MSNBC)
 - * Discussed the topic of potentially having the U.S. take more aggressive measures toward the insurgents (MSNBC)
- Bill Cowan:
- * Increased insurgent attacks during the Shiite holiday - February 19th (Fox News)
- William Nash:
- * Change in insurgent attacks. They are now going for infrastructure such as oil refineries and electric plants around Baghdad (Fox News)
- Paul Valley:
- * Syria will have to be dealt with (Fox News)

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From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2005 10:32 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: book

Great. Let's try and get the pdf posted with a story about the accomplishments. Or some way to highlight the book. Let's wait to this on monday. Just have lindas team get it ready---

Thx
Allison Barber
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld.

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

From: (b)(6)
To: (b)(6) Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
<Allison.Barber@ (b)(6)>
Sent: Thu Feb 24 10:30:09 2005
Subject: RE: book

The printer returned the disks when they dropped off the books. I gave them to Linda so she could start working to post to the web. As you know, I am no computer/graphics person but I believe that her team can work off that.

(b)(6) is out sick with bronchitis until at least Monday (per doctor's orders) but I can blackberry her and ask her where the disks are and whether someone on her team can make some initial checks on the feasibility/ease of posting this.

As far as distribution, we got the cover letter back from Mr. Di Rita yesterday and I typed labels and stuffed most of the day. The books to senior leadership in the building went out with this morning's inside mail. It's about 75 people.

Dave Evans now has the electrons so his batch (about 55 military analysts and the cabinet secretaries) is going out today.

Claude is still waiting for his letter to the members of Congress (535).

By my calculations we've earmarked about 690 to give away.

That gives us 300 left.

Allison I think it's your call on whether you want a second run.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2005 9:39 AM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) OASD-PA
Subject: RE: book

The PDF file was the disc we took to the printer. He was still working on it when we left, so it is with him. We also made some additional corrections on it, so that is the one we want.

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

From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA

Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2005 9:35 AM

To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) OASD-PA

Subject: Re: book

Good idea.

Do we have the pdf file for posting on the website when we are ready?

I doubt we have extras for (b)(6) out of this batch. Let's see.

Thanks

Ab

Allison Barber

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld.

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

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

To: (b)(6) OASD-PA (b)(6)

CC: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA (b)(6)

Sent: Thu Feb 24 09:34:02 2005

Subject: book

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Have you talked to Graphics and DAPS about saving the copy and artwork for the book in case we want to order more? I don't know what their policy is, but I think it might be a good idea to ask to be on the safe side. What do you think?

Also, (b)(6) -- the State Dept. liaison here in ComRel -- asked me again about copies. He said he could easily use about 500. I said I'd pass it along.
Thanks.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2005 8:58 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Subject: The American Spectator (Jed Babbin)

Attachments: The American Spectator.htm



The American Spectator.htm (36...

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From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2005 7:58 AM
To: 'Dan Senor'
Subject: RE: FW:

It felt to me like you and Tiki had something going there. Good chemistry. (-:

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

From: Dan Senor [mailto:dansenor@(b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2005 7:34 AM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Subject: Re: FW:

Great. Thank you. Very helpful.

--- "Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA"
<larry.diritag@(b)(6)> wrote:

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
> Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2005 7:28 AM
> To: Senor, Daniel S.
> Subject:

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> Watching you on Fox. Terrific as always. FYI, here is what (b)(6)
> put together in response to this Time Mag story on negotiating with
> terrorists:

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> Embassy Guidance:

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> The United States speaks to a range of Iraqis, including some people
> who may have contact through intermediaries with the insurgents (but
> not Zarqawi's group). But it is the Iraqi government that will decide
> to negotiate with them or not. The United States supports the Iraqi
> government in its efforts to persuade the insurgents to give up
> violence and to join the peaceful political process now underway in
> this country. An example of this is the Iraqi government's successful
> efforts to end the Moqtada al-Sadr armed uprising of last summer and
> fall. We encourage all armed insurgents in Iraq to end their violence
> and join the democratic process.

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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2005 7:38 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Images for SECDEF

(b)(6) let's discuss. Thanks, eric

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: (b)(6)
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@(b)(6)>
Sent: Thu Feb 10 17:28:45 2005
Subject: Images for SECDEF

Mr. Ruff please find attached picture video montage that USN Retired Captain Chuck Nash, who participated in our briefing wanted the SECDEF to look at. He sent two but only the SECOND one works-- **You have to copy and paste the link and it will take you to the site.

The first one is not a working site-- but it may work on your computer. The second one does work.

See below:

(b)(6)

Please see the email below that I forwarded to a friend and neighbor. I would appreciate it if you would forward it to the Secretary. The videos are powerful as they spell out clearly the sacrifice and the reward that makes that sacrifice so very noble.
See you at 09:45.
All the best,
Chuck

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

Subject: Mary: MUST see
Date: Wed, 02 Feb 2005 21:11:30 -0500
From: Chuck Nash <nashct@(b)(6)>
To: Mary Matalin <mmatalin@(b)(6)>

Mary,
Two videos that the President and our national leadership MUST see. They are brief but powerful... look at them and you will surely agree. Both - in their own right - tell the story of sacrifice and of courage.

<http://206.152.229.13/bobbywarns/Bobby.wmv>

last image - woman with face covered - only eyes exposed with a tear coming down - showing her purple finger.... representing MILLIONS now and MILLIONS to come.

http://adamkeiper.blogs.com/comparevideo/files/Iraq_Election.wmv

All the best,
Chuck

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PRINT CLIPS

Reprints:

Kansas City Star, p. A2 - Counterterror plan draws opposition - PARTIAL REPRINT
Lexington Herald Leader, p. A7 - Pentagon seeks new anti-terror operation; U.S. FORCES COULD ACT WITHOUT EMBASSY OK - PARTIAL REPRINT

Original:

Ottawa Citizen, Pg. A11 - Pentagon seeks to curb ambassadorial vetoes: Generals, not diplomats, would decide whether to deploy special forces
Press Trust of India - Pentagon promoting foreign operation plans without clearance
The Frontrunner - Pentagon Seeks Leeway Overseas For Special Ops Forces
Windsor Star (Ontario) - Rice opposes plan

ONLINE CLIPS:

Reprints:

Contra Costa Times - Pentagon seeks special leeway overseas
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette - Plan eases global-operations path
Fort Worth Star Telegram - Plan would weaken ambassadors' authority
Houston Chronicle - Pentagon seeks leeway on overseas operations
Kansas City Star - Counterterror plan draws opposition
Kentucky.com - Pentagon seeks new anti-terror operation
Lexington Herald Leader - Pentagon seeks new anti-terror operation
MSNBC - More freedom sought for special forces
Omaha World Herald - Pentagon seeks to weaken envoys' power to decide on troops' entry
Star Tribune Online - Pentagon seeks out more power overseas
The Standard, Hong Kong - Pentagon pushes for covert foreign raids
The Union Leader, NH - COVERT OPS: Pentagon seeks leeway on overseas operations

Troy Daily News, OH - Pentagon seeks leeway on overseas operations

Original:

ISN, Switzerland - Pentagon seeks more leeway in special ops
 New Kerala, India - Pentagon promoting foreign operation plans without clearance
 Times of India, India - The Pentagon wants to freelance
 uruknet.info, Italy - Covert Ops in Your Neighborhood
 Xinhua, China - Pentagon seeks greater powers to combat terrorism
 Presna Latina (Latin American news wire service) - Pentagon Seeks to Operate without Ambassadors' Knowledge

BROADCAST CLIPS

CNN - Lou Dobbs Tonight

February 24, 6:00 PM EST

Well, coming up, how special operations forces are taking on a larger role in U.S. Military operations around it is globe. "Grange on Point" is next.

PILGRIM: In "Grange on Point" tonight, the increasing role of American special operations troops in the global war on terror, the "The Washington Post" today reported, the Pentagon wants to give special operations troops new flexibility to hunt down terrorists in foreign countries. The Pentagon is also building up its human intelligence capabilities. Well, joining me from Chicago to talk about that is General David Grange. Thanks for being with us, sir.

BRIG. GEN. DAVID GRANGE (RET.), CNN MILITARY ANALYST: Thank you.

PILGRIM: What do you make of this report, it is a "The Washington Post" article. The Pentagon is disputing certain points of it, but what do you think, in theory, of this plan?

GRANGE: Well, I think what is true, is that the U.S. special operating forces are trying to improve the flexibility of their organizations. Any adaptability of its personnel to actually conduct operations around the world as it is today or into the future, not like it was.

PILGRIM: What sort of missions could you envision them doing?

GRANGE: Well, special operating forces, and they change from Green Beret Special forces to Navy SEALs, to rangers, to counterterrorism forces. There's this -- every service has some type of special operating force to add to quite an extensive capability of our country. The type of stuff they would do is, for instance, mainly reconnaissance. Reconnaissance of specific areas or areas in general that future operations may take place.

And what they call this reconnaissance or other tactics is to shape an environment for future operations. Special operating forces are an enabling for general purpose forces. They are a -- they can conduct operations unilaterally, but they also enable general purpose forces to

accomplish their missions more successfully.

PILGRIM: Now the CIA, also, has paramilitary forces. How might you see this compete or work with?

GRANGE: Well, hopefully not compete. Sometimes some of that goes on in the interagencies our a government. The idea here is that they -- it would enhance the Department of Defense only, not take the place of agency operations.

The agency has more of a covert, other words, hide the sponsor type of requirement. Where military special operating forces have a more clandestine. In other words, they just hide the act, like, they're sneaking into a place. They're parachuting in. They're swimming, whatever the case may be. And so they're not going to compete. But it's very important that all of the governmental agencies have a robust capability. And the type of enemies this country faces today, it's essentially to our success.

PILGRIM: We're talking about counterinsurgency operations basically. One fine point on this, and you just touched on this point, there's a discussion over whether there should be, what they call, explicit concurrence of the U.S. ambassadors in those countries, that they know that they're going in. Do you think that is quite an important point, isn't it?

GRANGE: Well, it is an important point. And the ambassador of a particular country is the honcho, they're in charge. Now, what is probably happening is that the Department of Defense and the Department of State is doing pre-approval of certain types of operations to streamline the process. Because in today's environment, today's world, as fast as things happen, the military in particular has to be able to do things quickly. And you can't wait weeks for an approval process to take place. So they're front-ending, I would imagine, a lot of these types of requests. And they're giving a stamp of approval through the Department of State and those ambassadors in those specific countries to OK those type of missions for special operating forces.

PILGRIM: General Grange, do you think they're front-ending anything at this point? Anything being planned that you could...

GRANGE: Oh, I think so, yes. And I would hope so, because it's prudent to stay ahead of the enemy. And when you're dealing with places like, let's take Syria, I mean, they're training terrorists right now in Syria to go into Iraq. And I would hope that we're doing something to counter that. And one of the best tools that we have at our disposal is special operating forces.

PILGRIM: Thank you so much, General David Grange.

A Sampling of Blog comments about "Pentagon Seeking Leeway Overseas"

"Steve Gillard's News" blog:

But as Rummy builds his empire, and Bush and Rice remain mute, just envision this:

July, 2005: as a second day of riots engulfed Central Baghdad, the trial of the US commandos

caught inside Iran enters its second week. After being spotted by local farmers, the six man team was tracked and caught in the suburbs of Tehran in April.

The more operations you run, the risk of embarrassment increases exponentially. Yellowfruit comes to mind, Dick Marchinko also comes up. Both involved scandals with the US's most elite units, Delta and SEAL Team Six (Dev Group), where money went missing. Well, you allow these units off the leash, then you expect State and the CIA to clean up and keep the peace.

"Another Day In Europe" blog:

Disregarding the squabble between the Pentagon and the State Department, consider what this means: Special Operations forces are covertly entering countries and conducting "military operations," that is to say killing people the Pentagon doesn't like. Iran, Syria, Cuba, North Korea, and other countries listed as "rogue regimes" come to mind.

In all fairness and the rhetoric of "terrorism" aside, if Special Operations forces started killing off the Iranian mullahs and their supporters and Iranian covert agents entered the United States and revenged these killings by assassinating U.S. officials, would there really be any room to criticize the Iranians? Fair is fair, after all.

Problem here is, since these operations will be "covert," that is to say we will not know about them since the Pentagon will have no accountability to Congress or the American people, any revenge operations will be considered prima facie terrorism and serve as an excuse to attack Iran or whatever country reacts in kind. Only knowing half the story-they attacked us unprovoked-the American people will sign off on larger and more deadly military action.

"Minority Report" blog:

As if their ineptitude hadn't already reached epic proportions, the Pentagon is pushing hard not to be held accountable by anyone, especially the State Department or the CIA.

"Just a Bump in the Beltway" blog:

We'll go where we wanna go, kill who we wanna kill, and f*\$#@ you, host nation, we're the only hyperpower in the world. Eat our dust. We are the champions of the world. Bow down and acknowledge us or be crushed.

"Just World News" blog

The check and balance system with the ambassador does not work when he is an evil person like Negroponte, but it is still better than giving military special ops carte blanche. Good grief, they are mad. I used to be in the US foreign service and I hope to hell that Foggy Bottom pulls out all the stops in getting this insane idea rejected

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2005 11:56 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: FYI

Hannity and Colmes is having Jed Babbin on today to talk about North Korea, not sure if this is a trend you folks are seeing but just wanted to give you a heads up. We are getting Jed a one pager on the status of forces in the Korean Peninsula (the message being, we still have a massive deterrent there for NK). We will also put him into touch with State for talking points on the 6 party talks.

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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2005 3:20 PM
To: Stavridis, James, VADM, OSD
Cc: Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: [Fwd: Mary: MUST see]

Much simpler. Will do. Thanks. Eric

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: Stavridis, James, VADM, OSD <Jim.Stavridis@(b)(6)>
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@(b)(6)>
Sent: Thu Feb 03 14:35:01 2005
Subject: RE: [Fwd: Mary: MUST see]

Just send up a video with both of them on there ...

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2005 1:42 PM
To: Stavridis, James, VADM, OSD
Cc: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OSD
Subject: FW: [Fwd: Mary: MUST see]
Importance: High

jim, at the analysts briefing today capt. nash mentioned these two videos to the secdef, who said he wanted to see them. thanks, eric

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

From: Chuck Nash [mailto:nashct@(b)(6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2005 12:46 PM
To: eric.ruff@(b)(6)
Subject: [Fwd: Mary: MUST see]

Eric,

For the Secretary. The first is about a Marine causality and emotionally shows the personal burden of sacrifice WITH HONOR.... the second is the uplifting video that shows the RESULTS of that sacrifice. They are a compelling view. That 1000 of this nation's best have sacrificed their lives and tens of millions NOW are free and millions more will certainly follow, just makes their sacrifice and that of their loved ones more noble.

All the best,

Chuck

<http://206.152.229.13/bobbywarns/Bobby.wmv>

last image - woman with face covered - only eyes exposed with a tear coming down - showing her purple finger.... representing MILLIONS now and MILLIONS to come.

http://adamkeiper.blogspot.com/comparevideo/files/Iraq_Election.wmv

All the best,

Chuck

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Subject: chuck Nash (accept) River Entrance Spot/guard

Status: Completed

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Subject: Bill Cowan (accept)
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From:

(b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA (b)(6)

Sent:

Tuesday, February 01, 2005 5:31 PM

To:

(b)(6) larry.drita@ (b)(6) Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, CIV, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA

Cc:

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(b)(6) Chafin, Claude, CIV, OSD-LA (b)(6)

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(b)(6) Keck, Garv, Col, OASD-PA (b)(6)

(b)(6) Latimer, Matthew

OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA (b)(6)

(b)(6) Merritt, Roxie T.

CAPT, OASD-PA (b)(6)

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(b)(6) Rhynedance, George, COL

OASD-PA (b)(6)

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Subject:

How former military members serving as media analysts viewed the Iraqi election

Attachments:

Military Analyst Coverage - Iraq 020105.doc



Military Analyst Coverage - Ir...

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The attached memo provides information on what each analyst said and how often they appeared on television.

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From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2005 11:45 AM
To: Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: I sense we are disconnected....

Separate out members of congress from pundits.

You're missing a lot of members of congress. Get the list of people that helped out just before xmas from matt latimer. Domenici, sessions, cornyn, kyl, etc.

I don't know who babbib is. Probably jed babbib.

Take off scooter libbey, colin powell, and george tenet.

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

From: Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2005 11:38 AM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Subject: RE: I sense we are disconnected....

The list I cobbled together based on recent snowflake traffic includes:

Saunders
Blankley
Fowler
Greener
Laird
Podhoretz
Gingrich
Novak
Fuelner
Gaffney
Kyl
Edward Rozek
Ryskind
Victor Davis Hanson
Clarke
MacKinnion
Schneider
Chris Williams
Members of the:
DPB
DSB
DBB
Babbib
Colin Powell
Tenet
Scooter Libby

I have only sent articles that the SecDef wanted out, as communicated in snowflakes. You've seen all of them, news articles, very supportive. Copies here at my desk. Have been sending regularly to Laird as directed, but he gets a little more...talking points and such.

GR

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

From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2005 2:34 PM

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To: Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: I sense we are disconnected....

I don't know how to slice and dice it, but there has been a group of stalwarts that should be getting more than a fax across their transom everyday.

Even if we put together a package now and then and accompanied it by a letter from me or Dan Stanley to give it a little higher profile.

Let me see that list again, and try to give me a sense of what we have sent them recently.

Thanks.

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

From: Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2005 2:11 PM

To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA

Subject: I sense we are disconnected....

...on the SDs "list of supportive folks." We have taken a bunch - maybe a dozen - snowflakes recently instructing us to add this person or that person and to send things to "the group." I have sent you a list that describes who I think those folks are - about 19. Your sense of it was that the list was about right. In response to other, more recent snowflakes, I have added a few others since. Now as more snowflakes come down, I hear that LA is using a list to send these specific items to a much more extensive list of members of Congress thinking they are being responsive to the desires of the SD. Recall, the list I described above included MOCs, reporters, members of DSB, DBB, DPB, formers, etc. I want to make sure we clearly communicate what list things should go to and make sure that you understand what "list" thing are going to. I don't think every positive article we come across or feel the need to promulgate a little, needs to go to all the Republican members of Congress, or all the SASC members, etc. I think we need a discreet and exclusive list in which to send discreet and exclusive correspondence. What say you?

GR

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2005 8:34 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Subject: American Spectator (Babbin)

Thought you might be interested in this article.

Iraq's Election Day

By Jed Babbin <MailTo:editor@spectator.org>
Published 1/31/2005 12:09:34 AM

Yesterday, for the first time in their history, Iraqis went to the polls to exercise one of the most basic rights of a free people. They voted despite the U.N.'s failure to help, despite liberals' predictions of disaster, and -- most importantly -- despite the terrorist declaration that democracy cannot exist in an Islamic society. The leader of al Qaeda in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, declared that those who vote in democratic elections are "apostates," the Islamic term for those who violate Islam's laws and advocate competing religions. Zarqawi's meaning was clear: that Islam requires its believers to accept religious dictators as their only legitimate leaders. When the Iraqis went to the polls in droves -- many losing their lives to do it -- they rejected Zarqawi's message and opened a gaping wound in the jihadist ideology.

The Iraqi election is a milestone in the war against terrorism, but whether it is a major victory won't be known for years to come. Yesterday's election was only to select a provisional national assembly (and leadership) that will, over the next year, draft a permanent constitution for Iraq that will be presented to the voters. Whether the assembly succeeds, or whether the insurgents prevent it, are still open questions. But the turnout among Iraqi voters -- something over 70% -- shows that the insurgents do not have the popular support that's necessary for them to win.

No matter how many times Ted Kennedy, Barbara Boxer, and John Kerry insist otherwise, Iraq looks more like 1945 Germany than 1972 Vietnam. One of the reasons we've had so little success in establishing effective Iraqi security forces has been the fact that before soldiers and policemen will risk their lives, there must be a something for them to swear loyalty to. Until yesterday, there was nothing in Iraq for them to swear allegiance to other than the tribal, ethnic, and religious groups that have comprised Iraq from its birth, or the American-appointed Allawi government. Now, even though the national assembly is temporary, it is Iraqi: chosen by Iraqi voters themselves and not appointed by an outside power or imposed by a home-grown despot. It is such things that soldiers and policemen can claim to be their own and willingly risk their lives to defend. Difficulties remain, but one of the biggest obstacles to creating a self-sustaining and self-protecting Iraq has just been overcome.

IT WOULD BE AN ENORMOUS mistake for us to withdraw from Iraq, or even establish a date to do so. On Sunday evening I had the bizarre pleasure of debating this point on MSNBC with Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif. Need you even ask?) who said that we need to take our soldiers out of Iraq now and let Iraq's neighbors come in to help. This member of the Democrats' Von Braun Caucus apparently thinks that Syria, Iran, and Saudi Arabia are chafing at the bit to help Iraqi democracy rise above the Halliburton-driven U.S. occupation. She thinks the terrorists won't be mad at us anymore if we replace our troops with peacekeepers and humanitarian aid workers. Fortunately, no one outside of northern California knows or cares who Ms. Woolsey is, far less what she thinks.

The insurgents -- now unable to escape the label "enemy of the Iraqi people" -- are still supported by Syria, Iran, and Saudi Arabia. Those despots realize that their days are numbered if Iraqi democracy succeeds. They will become increasingly desperate to make the Iraqi democracy fail, and we will have to be in Iraq to protect it from them for the foreseeable future. President Bush is correct in saying that the election creates momentum behind the Iraqi democracy experiment. But momentum can be lost if we quit too soon. That is one of the central points we will hear on Wednesday when Mr. Bush delivers his State of the Union address. And it is one that the Democrats and their holy of holies -- the U.N. -- can't bring themselves to answer.

President Bush will call for more nations to come to the aid of the fledgling Iraqi democracy. He will praise the sacrifices of our real allies, challenge the U.N. and all its members to support freedom with economic aid, with engineers, construction crews, and all those things needed to put Iraq on its feet. They will smile politely, applaud feebly, and again ignore his call to action.

Yesterday, on *Meet the Press*, John Kerry said over and over again that the road to success in Iraq depends on our obtaining the support of the "international community," by which he means the U.N. and Old Europe. President Bush realizes -- as the American people did in choosing to reelect him -- that we cannot depend on the EUnuchs and the despots and dictators who make up three-quarters of the U.N.'s membership to do anything to fight terrorists and the nations that back them. To take any risk to support democracy in Iraq would be too much for Kofi Annan, because he doesn't want President Bush to succeed in what Annan called an "illegal war." The U.N. and Old Europe are too busy to help. The first thing on their agenda is still constraining the United States in this war. Convincing them -- or the democrats -- to do otherwise is simply impossible.

THE PRESIDENT WILL SOON ASK Congress for a supplemental appropriation of \$80 billion for Iraq. (Five billion of it is for the State Department's efforts there which are, to be charitable, hard to discern.) The Democrats will fight against the appropriation, seeking to leverage some plan for withdrawal of our forces before the job is done. They have obviously missed the lesson the election taught former senator Tom Daschle: obstructionism is not a policy. But they will obstruct as best they can, on the funding for the war and on everything else the President seeks to do.

George Bush can't win the global war against terrorism by the time he leaves office in 2009. But he can -- as the Iraqi election proves -- make enormous progress toward victory. In his State of the Union speech, the president should issue a call to all Islamic nations to follow the example of Iraq. The sooner those nations are rid of jihadism and religious dictatorships -- by us or by their own peoples -- the sooner the war against terrorists and their ideology will be won. There is every reason to be skeptical that the Islamic nations can reform themselves. But as more of their people see what freedom looks like, the momentum the President sees in Iraq will grow, and -- so long as we stand ready to help -- grow fastest in places where it is least welcome.

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).

MILITARY ANALYST COVERAGE IRAQI ELECTIONS

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William Nash (NPR)

- Iraqi troops "doing their duty" and enforcing security well
- Statements made about U.S. troops pulling out within 18 months "may be ambitious, but it's a good start."
- Nash emphasized the importance of the U.S. supporting, not leading efforts for the new Iraq, and avoiding being asked to leave Iraq.

Bob Scales (Baltimore Sun – print/online)

- The Sun piece described the Pentagon's plans to take U.S. soldiers from their own units and add them to Iraqi units.
- Scales: "It (embedding with Iraqi units) would put our troops' safety at risk, as they'd be more vulnerable to insurgent attacks."
- The key here is to quickly solidify the Iraqi troops as a standalone force from U.S. troops.

TV Broadcast Summary:

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Representative remarks per analyst are as follows:

Tommy Franks (Fox News – Hannity & Colmes / Fox & Friends)

- Troops feel great about what they've done in relation to the elections
- Any election in the Arab world is a "big deal"
- This is the first practical example of democracy in the Arab world
- Does not agree with comments made by Senator Kerry and Senator Kennedy
- He is proud of the work troops have done
- Last thing you want to do is announce your "timetable" for withdrawal

Jed Babbin (MSNBC Live Coverage – Iraqi Elections)

- Withdrawal from Iraq is “Simply the worst thing we could do”
- Withdrawal would strengthen the terrorists and weaken the Iraq people
- We have to look at the bigger picture, we have to deal with all the Jihadist nations that are influencing Iraq

Don Shepperd (CNN Live From....)

- What we did in the run up to the election made a big difference (i.e. controlling traffic flow around polling areas)
- There were extensive offensive operations to stop terrorist before voting took place especially in relation to foreign insurgents
- This weekend was very stressful for coalition forces
- It was very important for the Iraqis to pull this off

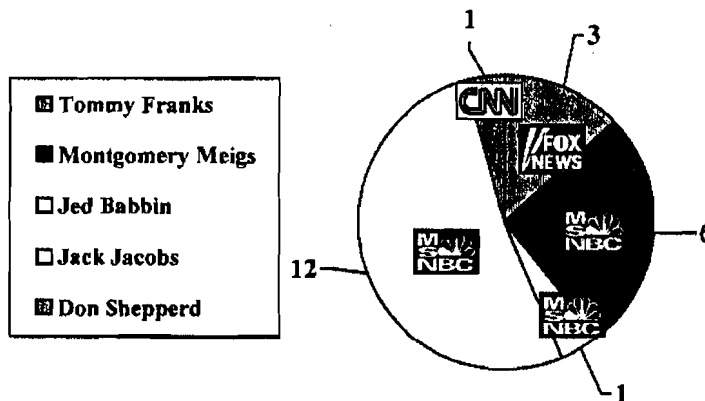
Montgomery Meigs (MSNBC Live Coverage – Iraqi Elections)

- Events in Iraq have gone surprisingly well
- It is a very tough process in inventing a new government
- We will see more Iraqi forces come on board with fewer American troops
- We will have to watch how Sunnis are brought into the process
- Doesn't think the coalition will change after the vote
- Need to continue to watch insurgents from Syria and Iran

Jack Jacobs (MSNBC Live Coverage – Iraqi Elections)

- Highlighted “hot spots” in Iraq in real-time during the polling process
- Jacobs, during the polling, predicted high voter turnout
- Security expectations were “managed well”
- Provided an overview of how insurgents might inflict violence during the vote
- Said the training of Iraqi forces by the U.S. military was key
- Questioned whether “two Iraqs” would arise until the next election in October (religious and cultural divides a potential after Sunday's election)

WHERE THE ANALYSTS APPEARED



To the editor:

Your story "A Grim March of Missteps" is scurrilous nonsense. It is flat wrong to say that General Abizaid was rebuffed in a request for more U.S. forces for Iraq, and your inability to get even a background quote on the matter suggests it is rumor dressed up as fact.

The troop levels in Iraq have fluctuated up or down based upon the military assessments of commanders and after review by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense. Your poorly sourced, poorly researched, poorly supported article does a disservice to the commanders and to the Secretary of Defense.

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OSD
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2005 2:32 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: LA/PA Lunch HOLD Wednesday 2 Feb.

1130-1200 w/rep 11:20 (Thur 3 Feb)

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2005 2:22 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OSD
Subject: RE: LA/PA Lunch HOLD Wednesday 2 Feb.

(b)(6) allison says we have a time for the military analysts/think tankers on thursday. yes?

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

From: (b)(6) CIV, OSD
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2005 1:58 PM
To: (b)(6) Rhyndance, George, COL, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OSD; (b)(6) CTR, OSD-P&R; Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD-PA; (b)(6) Capt. USMC, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OSD-LA
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OSD; (b)(6) CIV, OSD; (b)(6) CIV, OSD; (b)(6) CIV, OSD-LA; (b)(6) CIV, OSD-LA
Subject: LA/PA Lunch HOLD Wednesday 2 Feb.

I need to know if we have anyone that we have invited or plan to invite for Wed 2 Feb lunch w/SecDef? Pls let me know - thanks,

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From: DI Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2005 6:45 AM
To: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: Response to IG Report

Attachments: CPA IG REPORT.doc



CPA IG REPORT.doc (31 KB)

Dan pulled these together. I note cnn is starting to run some stories on it, so we ought to get these points into the mix.

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

From: Dan Senor [mailto:dansenor@^{(b)(6)}]
Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2005 9:07 PM
To: ^{(b)(6)}; ^{(b)(6)} dbartlett@^{(b)(6)}; scott_mcclelland@^{(b)(6)}; smccormac@^{(b)(6)}; wilkinsonjim@^{(b)(6)}; karl_rove@^{(b)(6)}; larry.dirita@^{(b)(6)}
^{(b)(6)}

Subject: Response to IG Report

Attached is a detailed set of points responding to the CPA IG Report.

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From: (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2005 5:22 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, CIV, OASD-PA; Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD-PA; Keck, Gary, Col, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) LtCol, OASD-PA; (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/CNS; (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/CNS
Subject: Topics discussed by military analysts since the budget-related call earlier this week
Attachments: Analyst Broadcast Coverage - Jan. 25-27.doc



Analyst Broadcast Coverage - J...

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From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2005 1:09 PM
To: (b)(6) OSD-ATL; (b)(6) LtCol, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Analysts at news conferences

good question. the process usually works like this.. our comptroller or subject matter expert is asked by me to conduct a conf call. we would then call the analysts and invite them to be on the call. if heidi would like to send us a list of folks we might consider, we can run those names by folks here to make sure it is the appropriate group.

we already have a list of analysts compiled but we can look at her list and see if there are additions we should make.

at that time, we will email and call folks to invite them on the call.

does that help?

thanks
ab

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

From: (b)(6) OSD-ATL
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2005 1:06 PM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) LtCol, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Analysts at news conferences

So, should (b)(6) call you to set up something where they can ask questions afterward?

Thanks.

(b)(6)

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

From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2005 1:05 PM
To: (b)(6) OSD-ATL; (b)(6) LtCol, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) (E-mail)
Subject: RE: Analysts at news conferences

hi folks

just fyi, it might be helpful for folks to know that when we do a briefing in the press studio, we carry the entire thing in real time at www.pentagonchannel.mil that is a great way for folks in nyc to hear the briefing in total.

in addition, if dod folks want to do a call with analysts, we are happy to facilitate that. which is another great way for folks to ask questions from our subject matter experts. those calls are usually done on background so they are not done for reporting purposes -- although it doesn't seem like that is what you are expecting.

i think for the immediate issue, folks might check their computer systems to make sure you can stream the pentagon channel -- so you can see the briefings.

hope this helps
ab

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

From: (b)(6) OSD-ATL
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2005 12:57 PM
To: (b)(6) LtCol, OASD-PA
Cc: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Analysts at news conferences

Hi (b)(6)

Sorry, but I'm a little confused.

First, let me clarify that I would never ask you to do anything illegal or even untenable! I think you know that, but wanted to clarify, just so there is not miscommunication. It is my understanding -- as a former journalist, former press secretary on Capitol Hill and from earning my MBA and working in banking -- that once information is released to the media for publication/broadcast it is no longer "insider information," that is when it becomes "public information."

And if it is being broadcast live, then can't the Wall Street analysts just watch it on www.pentagonchannel.com? Can we sign them up for the emails to be alerted to the time? I think the only thing missing there is that they would like to ask someone questions. However, being able to view live is better than nothing.

I'm also not sure what you are calling a "military analyst." The Wall Street analysts call themselves military analysts, because that is their specialty. Are you talking about a specialty subgroup of reporters? I should know the terminology here for the future.

Lastly, are you asking that I put Ms. Wood in touch with Ms. Barber, or that Ms. Barber will be calling Ms. Wood (her information is at the bottom of this email)? I'm happy to do either, but just wasn't clear on what, if anything, I need to do next to keep this moving.

Thanks, again, for all of your help, and for your quick response!

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) LtCol, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2005 12:41 PM
To: (b)(6) OSD-ATL
Cc: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Analysts at news conferences

Hi (b)(6)

Please know that there is talk about briefing military analysts ahead of time, but that has not been solidified. The government, as well as DOD, cannot give out insider information to companies like Morgan Stanleywe will be joining Martha Stewart, if that is the case.

The on-the-record press conference is 7 Feb. It is for media only. It is likely to be broadcast live, because there is so much interest. The transcript of the broadcast will also be posted that evening on www.defenselink.mil

Ms. Alison Barber is the point of contact for special interest groups like this. I have copied her in this e-mail.

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LtCol (b)(6) USMC

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs

Phone: (b)(2)

Fax: (b)(2)

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

From: (b)(6) OSD-ATL
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2005 10:50 AM
To: (b)(6) LtCol, OASD-PA
Subject: Analysts at news conferences

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Following up to our earlier phone discussion, several Wall Street analysts met with Mr. Wynne a couple of weeks ago and asked if they could attend news conferences along with the media – particularly the big ones like the Feb. 8 budget roll out. They want to have the same information at the same time as the media, and not have to wait until the next day, getting only the information and spin the media choose to report.

You said that you thought the media room might be filled by reporters for the budget roll-out, however, a second room might be opened for analysts and a pre-brief made available. If so, this group that met with Mr. Wynne has a "leader" of sorts, Heidi Wood of Morgan Stanley in NYC, who would like to attend, preferably with 5-10 others, but she is prepared to attend alone and send back the info to her group.

However, she said another option is a conference call. She said her group of about 20 analysts who each have been covering aerospace and defense for 10-30 years would just as soon be on a conference call for the pre-brief, as well as hear the news conference, then be given an opportunity to ask questions at some point. This would probably be better logistically for both DoD and the analysts who are based in NYC and are dealing with earnings statements now through the date of the DoD budget conference.

Is that a possibility?

Would you, or the person deciding what to do regarding analysts like to speak directly to Heidi? If so, I attached her contact information below. If you prefer I be the one to contact her, that's fine, too.

Please keep me posted on what is decided -- both for the budget news conference, as well as future news conferences.

Thank you for your help on this,

(b)(6)

Heidi Wood

Morgan Stanley

1585 Broadway

New York, NY 10036

Phone: (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) Capt. USMC, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2005 12:30 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: FY 06 budget roll out

Sir, the sort of strategizing thoughts in your email below are very helpful for me to understand and learn. When it is appropriate and you are comfortable and willing to share this type of dialogue with me, I would very much appreciate a BCC. Thanks for your consideration sir.

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2005 5:12 PM
To: England, Gordon SECNAV FO (b)(6) SAF/AA; (b)(6) Civ SAF/US
Cc: DI Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; Jonas, Tina, Ms, OSD-COMPT; Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Subject: FY 06 budget roll out

Gentlemen, as part of this year's budget roll out it would be terrific if you could participate in a background briefing for the military analysts -- the group that provides newspaper and television commentary. The budget will be announced by the President and sent to Congress on Monday, Feb. 7. OSD practice is to provide embargoed (hold until introduced by the President) briefings to the Pentagon press corps and to the military analysts, and we anticipate doing so again this year.

Ideally, you and the service chief or vice chief could brief the analysts this time around because we are hoping to provide real context about the nature of this budget. It is a document that we hope to frame as much more than the usual programmatic funding levels document. Understanding that people will always look at funding numbers, we hope to persuade the analysts and media to see this budget from another perspective, that of a meaningful stab at shifting the military in a historically new philosophical direction, a direction that is required by the realities of the world today.

In briefing the analysts, a discussion about your services' respective transformational needs and how those needs are addressed in this budget would be beneficial to create a fuller understanding of this FY 06 submission. We are holding open Wednesday, Feb. 2, or Thursday, Feb. 3 for the briefing, but obviously will do it at your convenience. In the ideal situation, we will conduct back-to-back-to-back briefings over one time slot, here in the building. We are hoping to brief the military analysts ahead of the media because we expect reporters will go to the analysts for additional thoughts about the DOD budget.

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From: Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2005 11:44 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: FY 06 budget roll out

Just a reminder that ADM Myers would like to speak to you on this

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2005 8:48 AM
To: Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: FY 06 budget roll out

I'm happy to call. t and i discussed this yesterday. i think we talk with t first and i will do that. either he or i will talk to adm myers. thanks.

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

From: Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2005 8:23 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: FY 06 budget roll out

Took a call from Adm Myers at SecNav office (b) (7)(F). They don't understand the value of this effort, nor what your expectation is, and they are a bit reticent to agree. He would like to discuss in more detail. He also asked if you were in touch with the CHINFO (RADM McCreary).

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2005 5:12 PM
To: England, Gordon SECNAV FO; (b) (6) SAF/AA; (b) (6) Civ SAF/US
Cc: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; Jonas, Tina, Ms, OSD-COMPT; Rhynedance, George, COL, OASD-PA
Subject: FY 06 budget roll out

Gentlemen, as part of this year's budget roll out it would be terrific if you could participate in a background briefing for the military analysts -- the group that provides newspaper and television commentary. The budget will be announced by the President and sent to Congress on Monday, Feb. 7. OSD practice is to provide embargoed (hold until introduced by the President) briefings to the Pentagon press corps and to the military analysts, and we anticipate doing so again this year.

Ideally, you and the service chief or vice chief could brief the analysts this time around because we are hoping to provide real context about the nature of this budget. It is a document that we hope to frame as much more than the usual programmatic funding levels document. Understanding that people will always look at funding numbers, we hope to persuade the analysts and media to see this budget from another perspective, that of a meaningful stab at shifting the military in a historically new philosophical direction, a direction that is required by the realities of the world today.

In briefing the analysts, a discussion about your services' respective transformational needs and how those needs are addressed in this budget would be beneficial to create a fuller understanding of this FY 06 submission. We are holding open Wednesday, Feb. 2, or Thursday, Feb. 3 for the briefing, but obviously will do it at your convenience. In the ideal situation, we will conduct back-to-back-to-back briefings over one time slot, here in the building. We are hoping to brief the military analysts ahead of the media because we

expect reporters will go to the analysts for additional thoughts about the DOD budget.

*This analysis is as of 1pm on January 27th. As of this time, we were not able to locate media clips for McCausland, Vallely, Garrett, Meigs, W. Nash, and C. Nash. Here are the themes (and hyperlinks) discussed by the other analysts since their participation in the call earlier this week. Note: Mr. Babbin's are the only comments we found regarding the DoD budget.

BOB SCALES

Fox News -- Special Report

01/25/05 18:21:44

- Discussion of Americans going out in special units with Iraqi forces
- Shifting of power to Iraqis so that they can fight on their own
- Discussed General Luck's findings
- U.S. troops are going from a security mission to a training mission
- Our military being "stretched thin"
- Equipment is beginning to wear out and soldiers are going into their third rotations, we will have to shift power soon
- Discussion of spy units within Pentagon

Fox News

On the Record With Greta Van Susteren

01/26/05 22:12:45

- Discussion of helicopter crash
- Iraqi guards going from 46 to 60, therefore, more of an Iraqi military presence
- Starting to see foreign insurgents go down
- We will be in Iraq for a very long time

JED BABBIN

Fox News -- The O'Reilly Factor

01/26/05 04:03:42

- "I don't think you can put an artificial time or an artificial amount on it, bill. If you're going to say let's cut the \$80 billion in half, what are you going to cut?"
- We can't impose artificial deadlines
- Congress should look at the war on an installment plan rather than cutting it arbitrarily
- Need to focus on people trained and get armor where we need it, etc.
- Cannot say that we are going to pull out at a particular time...don't want to give enemy a timeline

- Once election process happens then you will see training speed up because then you will have an Iraqi government and structure

DON SHEPPERD

Headline News

01/26/05 14:02:16

- Discussed insurgent strategy to prevent Iraqis from attending polling stations
- US military is restricting traffic flow around polling areas; this is a "smart move"

CNN

Live From...

01/26/05 14:14:17

- Troops going to be spread thin
- Doing offensive against insurgents by identifying and confronting them
- The U.S. has to count on Iraqi forces, however, there is no way to "quickly" turn out effectively trained Iraqis
- "There will be a large turn out for the election"
- Sunnis will think the election is a farce but the rest of the country will see it as valid

CNN

Live From...

01/26/05 15:14:11

- "I would tell my family to go vote 'as a matter of courage' but I would also tell them it will be dangerous"
- Two different types of training:
 - Helping Iraqi forces identify insurgents, IEDs, mortar attacks, etc.
 - Providing Iraqi forces with quick response teams
- Insurgents will try to have mass casualties with bombers in voting lines
- North and South will be safe but Sunni area will be dangerous

Headline News

01/26/05 18:47:19

- Iraqis will need courage to vote especially because of insurgent intimidation
- The U.S. is trying to assure voters that they will be safe
- U.S. troops' goal is to keep insurgents from polling places to begin with
- Will be an imperfect election but Iraq must get through it
- U.S. troops will do the best they can to keep the elections safe
- Would like to see the U.S. train Iraqi troops as quickly as possible
- Referenced the 2nd election which will set-up Iraqi constitution and how the violence will continue at least until then

Headline News

01/27/05 06:47:54

- Speculated on the cause of the helicopter crash
- Unlikely that the helicopter crash is insurgent related
- Probably won't be 100% safe to vote across the entire country
- Will be enough troops to help some security issues
- Insurgents are making threats to Iraqi civilians
- Will have more violence in post-elections, especially since this is just the first vote for a transition government
- Believes some troops will be withdrawn next year
- Important that the Iraqis take over the security role

CNN

Live From...

01/27/05 14:32:31

- Discussion of voting and the ethnic breakdown in Iraq (referring to a map of Iraq)
- Points out Sunni area that will be the primary threat area with low polling numbers and Shi'ite area that will have high voting numbers

STEVE GREER

Fox News

01/27/05 10:34:43

- Discussion of helicopter crash and the effects of sandstorms in Iraq on operations
- Upcoming elections and key polling stations (showed image of Iraq with the main polling/election cities)
- Quick reaction forces will try and cover most of the polling stations
- Curfew system is in place and there will be a limitation on vehicle movement
- Threat will primarily be suicide bombers and random gun fire
- The Shi'ites are beginning to realize that this is their chance to take power and they will help troops with security to make it successful.
- In general, Iraqis will more than likely also ignore incidents in order to get their votes counted

JACK JACOBS

MSNBC -- MSNBC News Live

01/26/05 13:36:00

- Discussion of the helicopter crash and whether or not the group killed were special forces

- “A large proportion of our view of the security situation in Iraq is going to be governed by what happens this Sunday”
- We will have our hands full keeping Iraq secure during the elections

MSNBC -- MSNBC News Live

01/26/05 15:15:29

- Discussion of troop morale in relation to the helicopter crash
- Al Qaeda may have some effect in the Sunni triangle
- Farther away from the triangle you get the less effect insurgent activity will have on polling activities
- The President is probably setting the stage for pulling our troops back but, at the same time, setting expectation that we will have some troops in Iraq for quite some time
- The Army's primary focus after the first election will be to train the Iraqi forces

MSNBC -- Lester Holt Live

01/26/05 17:46:49

*Multiple airings on MSNBC on the helicopter crash

- Helicopter crash was more than likely weather related
- Discussion of the recovery effort and the type of terrain
- Helicopter was probably on an “administrative run”

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) LtCol, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2005 10:40 AM
To: (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA
Cc: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Military Analysts

Thank you , Sir.

Mr. Ruff is looking for any updates you might have.

v/r

(b)(6)

LtCol (b)(6) USMC
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs
Phone: (b)(2)
Fax: (b)(2)

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

From: (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2005 5:19 PM
To: (b)(6) OASD-PA; (b)(6) LtCol, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Military Analysts

We are working this - we haven't seen anything yet but will have a clearer picture in the morning. We are also looking at how much coverage has come out of the Feith/Defense Writers Group session.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2005 3:49 PM
To: (b)(6) LtCol, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA
Subject: RE: Military Analysts

Actually, (b)(6) is the person you need to talk to (cc'd). He is tracking that.

Respectfully,

(b)(6)
OSD Public Affairs
Community Relations and Public Liaison
(b)(2) The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 30401-1400
(b)(2)

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

From: (b)(6) LtCol, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2005 2:36 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: Military Analysts

Hi (b)(6)

This is a stab in the dark...

Mr. Ruff is asking if any of the analysts went out with what they learned yesterday.

I do not know if we track that type of information...any thoughts?

(b)(6)

LtCol (b)(6) USMC
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs
Phone (b)(6)
Fax: (b)(6)

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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2005 11:59 AM
To: (b)(6) LtCol, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Service Topline Input: S: 1330 TODAY - 21 JAN 05
(UNCLASSIFIED)
Importance: High

see below.

Confirmed Retired Military Analysts:

Colonel Carl Kenneth Allard	(USA, Retired)
Mr. Jed Babbin	(USAF, JAG)
Lieutenant General Frank B. Campbell	(USAF, Retired)
Dr. James Jay Carafano	(LTC, USA, Retired)
Colonel (Tim) J. Eads	(USA, Retired)
Colonel John Garrett	(USMC, Retired)
Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer	(USA, Retired)
Colonel Jack Jacobs	(USA, Retired)
Colonel Jeff McCausland,	(USA, Retired)
Lieutenant General Thomas McInerney	(USAF, Retired)
General Montgomery Meigs	(USA, Retired)
Captain Chuck Nash	(USN, Retired)
General William L. Nash	(USA, Retired)
Major General Robert H. Scales, Jr.	(USA, Retired)
Major General Donald W. Shepperd	(USAF, Retired)
Major General Perry Smith	(USAF, Retired)
Major General Paul E. Vallyely	(USA, Retired)
General Tom Wilkerson	(USMC, Retired)

Tentative - Awaiting Confirmation

Admiral Dennis C. Blair	(USN, Retired)
Commander Peter Brookes	(USN, Reserve)
Lieutenant Colonel Bill Cowan	(USMC, Retired)
Major Dana R. Dillon	(USA, Retired)
General Wayne A. Downing	(USA, Retired)
Lieutenant General Buster Glosson	(USAF, Retired)
Brigadier General David L. Grange	(USA, Retired)
Admiral David E. Jeremiah	(USN, Retired)
General William F. "Buck" Kernan	(USA, Retired)
Admiral Thomas Joseph Lopez	(USN, Retired)
Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Maginnis	(USA, Retired)
General Glen K. Otis	(USA, Retired) - not avail.
at 1600	
General Joseph Ralston	(USAF, Retired)
Mr. Wayne Simmons	(USN, Retired)
Captain Martin L. Strong	(USN, Retired)
General Charles E. Wilhelm	

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From: [REDACTED] LtCol, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2005 11:56 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Service Topline Input: S: 1330 TODAY - 21 JAN 05
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(b)(6)

From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2005 7:37 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Call

Hi guys gen lute wants to do the military analysts call at 10am. Please pulse our folks to see if they are interested in talking to him. He is the deputy director of operations at centcom and will talk about security and our troops mission.

Thanks
Ab
Allison Barber
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld.

(b)(6)

From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2005 4:55 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: PAULA ZAHN/PUNDITS

tappan is fine with it. pam stevens is worried that the story will only be the helo crash.. which i said was fine. it actually happened! she was okay with it...

anyway, we are ready to execute in the morning.. if we decide to do the call.

thanks
ab

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2005 1:03 PM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: PAULA ZAHN/PUNDITS

I'd be inclined to do it but we need to make sure rob tappan is aware we are considering it. i can't imagine they would have a problem but we need to touch the bases. thanks, eric

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

From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2005 12:53 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: PAULA ZAHN/PUNDITS

do we want to do this???

thanks
ab

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

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2005 12:00 PM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: PAULA ZAHN/PUNDITS

Hi there.

LTC (b)(6) came in this morning asking if we could set up a conference call with the military analysts tomorrow for BG Lute who will be in the Pentagon. Subject will probably be security for Iraqi elections. Details are sketchy as of right now, but I wanted to run it by you soonest. Let me know your thots. Thanks. (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2005 11:51 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: PAULA ZAHN/PUNDITS

(b)(6)

Here's the time frame we are working with on BG Lutes opportunity tomorrow. I'll ask CENTCOM for a bit more details on the topic, but I am sure it will be on security conditions during the elections in Iraq. Once I get a time frame from (b)(6) on these events, I'll get back to you. But this gives you a start point. There were no briefings today, so don't know if Ms. Barber knows of this or not.

(b)(6)

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**Things don't change much:
"A lie can travel halfway around the world
while the truth is putting on its shoes."
Mark Twain 1835 - 1910**

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

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2005 11:18 AM
To: (b)(6) ITC, OASD-PA'
Cc: (b)(6) Pittman, CAPT Harold E.
(USN)
Subject: PAULA ZAHN/PUNDITS

(b)(6)

(b)(6) is on his way to DC now. Intent is to have our J3, BG Lute, conduct a 30-35 minute backgrounder with military pundits and then the 10-15 min interview with Paula Zahn tomorrow - after 1400.

Following is the contact information for the CNN Producer handling all the election stories this week. I told her she may be receiving a call from OASD PA to conduct coordination for the Paula Zahn interview.

Gail Chalef
Sr. Managing Editor, CNN Network Booking

(b)(6) office
cell

Thanks,

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Chief of Media

U.S. Central Command

(b)(6)