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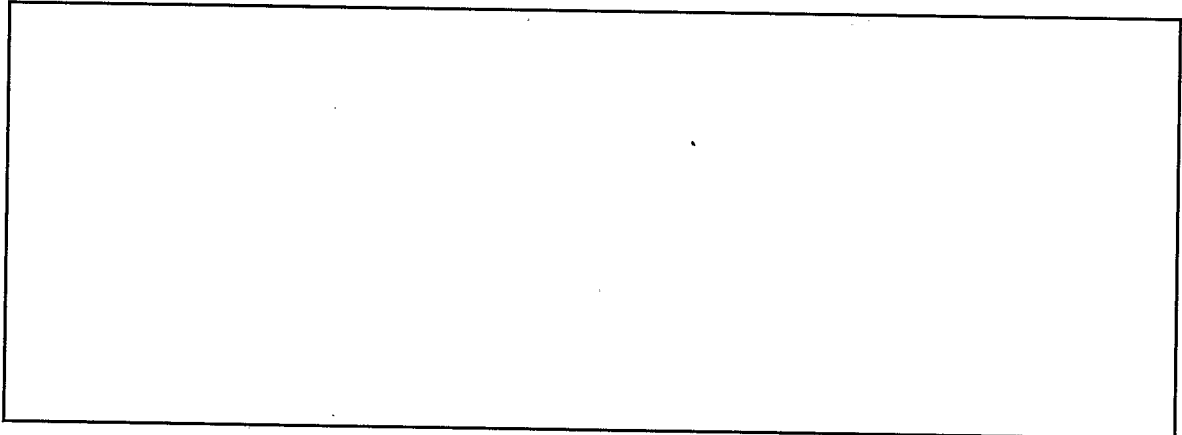
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SUBJECT: Iraq Contingency Planning

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As follow-up to your recent visit to CENTCOM, our Bureaus have been actively engaged in the inter-agency and inter-bureau coordination on contingency planning for Iraq. In addition, PDAS Greene has just traveled to Jordan, Kuwait, Qatar and Turkey as Head of the Humanitarian Planning Team, DAS Carpenter has just met with the J-5 at CENTCOM, and INL Acting A/S Simons has just indicated the importance of including short-term civilian public security issues in the military planning process in meetings with the interagency relief and reconstruction working group and DOD's post-conflict planning group. These visits, and our experience in other post-conflict situations, have alerted us to the fact that there could be the following serious planning gaps for post-conflict public security and humanitarian assistance between the end of the war and the beginning of reconstruction:



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Responsibility must remain with coalition military forces until these functions can be turned over to an international public security force or other mechanism to be defined. Although we recognize CENTCOM's focus on its primary military objectives and its reluctance to take on "policing" roles, a failure to address short-term public security and humanitarian assistance concerns could result in serious human rights abuses which would undermine an otherwise successful military campaign, and our reputation internationally. We are willing to provide technical assistance and help CENTCOM develop plans for accomplishing these goals. This will not be possible unless the military is tasked to take on the roles we outlined above.

We have raised these issues with top CENTCOM officials and General Garner, and continue to raise them at the PCC. We understand that DoD will brief the Deputies and Principals on rear-area security next week. In addition, we have asked key

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International Organizations and NGOs to identify activities that the military could be called upon to perform in support of civilian humanitarian and human rights operations.

We think it is crucial that Department Principals continue to be strong advocates for these issues in Iraq Principal meetings and we will prepare talking points accordingly. We will also put together a brief Action Plan by COB Monday to outline how we can assist CENTCOM in accomplishing these goals.

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