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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

From: William J. Luti

Subject: UNMOVIC +++

Sir:

- First 4 slides are "lead in" to the new approach.
- Remaining 5 slides describe how to build into UNMOVIC a Disarmament and Elimination Authority (UNMOVIC +++).

Will work with Doug Feith in the morning to further refine the concept.

V/R

Bill Luti

Instructions to White House Situation Room (as directed by Eric Edelman):

FAX to Vice President in Wyoming

FAX to Scooter Libby at home

Provide Paper Copy to: Eric Edelman

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Building in a Disarmament and WMD Elimination Authority

22 September 2002



A Decade of Defiance

- Iraq initiated deception on declarations as soon as UNSCR 687 created UNSCOM.
 - Began seven year campaign of interference with inspectors.
 - Denied access, removed material from sites.
- Iraq penetrated UNSCOM and UN Headquarters.
 - Anticipated and frustrated inspections.
 - Forced UNSCOM to create counter-concealment unit.
- Iraq successfully pressured the UN.
 - Dictated timing, access, scope of inspections.
 - Demanded vote on inspection team composition.
 - Rejected USG nationals in October 1997.
 - Rejected random/no-notice inspections August 1998.
 - Halted UNSCOM activity in October 1998.

Despite its formal powers, and some on-the-ground accomplishments, UNSCOM regime eventually failed.



Key Lessons from UNSCOM

- UNSCOM proved inadequate to uncover and dismantle Iraqi programs.
 - Despite hundreds of highly intrusive inspections, UNSCOM missed significant parts of Iraqi program and failed to detect an ongoing buildup.
 - The defection of Hussein Kamel in August 1995, not UNSCOM inspections, forced the Iraqis to disclose weaponization of Botulinin and anthrax.
- A credible inspection system would require (at a minimum) a return to enforcement of existing UNSC mandates and the Gulf War ceasefire agreement.
 - But even the most intrusive inspection regime can only hinder Iraqi WMD/missile development, not eliminate it.

Even highly intrusive inspections are of limited value in the absence of sufficient intelligence---and the international community has so far had no effective response to Saddam's defiance.

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Current Status of UN Inspection Regime

- UNSC RES 1284 (17 Dec 99) created UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC)
- UNMOVIC is weaker than UNSCOM...
 - Lacks staff expertise to baseline/evaluate Iraqi compliance.
 - Knowledgeable inspectors have left.
- ...and is structured to reduce USG influence:
 - Chairman and staff chosen based on Iraqi "sensitivities."
 - No U.S. national in top leadership.
- USG unwilling to share intelligence with untrustworthy organization.

Therefore, we assess that Saddam could accept UNMOVIC and still build WMD/missiles without detection.



The Strategic Goal --Eliminate the Iraqi WMD Threat

- WMD is the core of the danger that Saddam poses.
- Eliminating this danger is not likely to be accomplished by UN inspections aimed at *Monitoring* and *Verification*.
- More likely to be accomplished by Disarmament and Elimination regime:
 - based on the Gulf War ceasefire and UNSC Resolution 687,
 - and incorporating the lessons of the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM).
- This regime, not UNMOVIC as currently structured, should assess whether (a) the WMD threat is eliminated, or (b) further action, including military action, is required.

Ultimate question: Are we satisfied that Iraqi WMD threat has been eliminated?



Three Pillars of a Successful Disarmament Regime

- Clear objective that makes it unambiguously clear that the purpose of disarmament is the total and complete elimination of *all* Iraqi WMD and delivery capabilities.
- Authorities and resources necessary to achieve that objective.
- Leadership and political oversight to ensure that these authorities and resources are fully used to accomplish that objective.

UNMOVIC as currently structured is weak in all three of these pillars.



Strategy: UNMOVIC +++

- Add to UNMOVIC a superstructure managed by a new Disarmament and Elimination authority for UNMOVIC:
 - All decisions by UNMOVIC under the supervision and direction of Member States enforcing no-fly and no-drive zones--and subject to the final authority of the UN Security Council.
 - Any of the P-5 Member States can designate sites to be inspected and people to be interviewed.
 - Disarmament and Elimination personnel (incl. U.S. and UK) separate from UNMOVIC inspectors.

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Disarmament and Elimination Authority for UNMOVIC+++

- Team led by an American.
- Right to declare no-fly/no-drive zones, exclusion zones, and/or ground & air transit corridors.
- Authority to impound equipment or documents, shut down facilities or destroy WMD or delivery systems.
- Authority to import any technology (incl. GPS) or materials required for their work.
- Unrestricted ability to communicate (incl. encryption).
- Delay of or interference with teams prohibited.



Disarmament and Elimination Authority for UNMOVIC+++ (cont.)

- Unrestricted overflight rights for fixed and rotary-wing aircraft, including UAVs.
- Team has authority to demand use of Iraqi military facilities as bases in northern, western, southern and central Iraq (e.g. H-3 airfield in the west).
- Team accompanied by adequate security forces.
- Team has access to any place in Iraq and to any Iraqi officials, nationals or others in Iraq--and the right and ability to interview such persons (accompanied by their families) outside Iraq in timeframe determined by the inspectors.

Iraq to be informed that lack of cooperation will subject it to military action.



UNMOVIC+++ Operational Considerations

- Staffed by mix of people now in/out of USG.
 - may include some inspectors from selected other nations.
- U.S. will recruit Iraqis inside and outside of Iraq.
 - offer rewards/sponsorship/relocation.
- List of specialties/capabilities will parallel UNSCOM.
 - with the addition of physical security experts and counterintelligence capabilities.
- Authority to task intelligence and call on CENTCOM-provided support.
- Military extraction plan for team is essential

Collection plan should be in place prior to beginning of disarmament

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