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interesting thing is that the duration of their thinking ended in January of '04, so when we did those plans in July of '03, they were thinking that six months later, things would be back to normal and we would be moving out of there. That's the way it came across to me. And when I looked at the plans that they came up with, they only took us out six months, and they had unrealistic timelines of when Iraqi capacity would be in place to assume command and . . . or to assume control and management of each of these, so we underestimated the capabilities of the Iraqis and the infrastructure that they had in place to take over each of these lines . . . especially when you made decisions such as disbanding the Army and de-Ba'athification, so all the while that Bremer is making these decisions and coming out with edicts that de-Ba'athification will extend to all members of the Ba'ath party and that the armed forces will be disbanded, and oh by the way, we told every Iraqi citizen that they can have an AK-47 at the same time. So, how they thought that the Iraqis would be ready to take over those institutions, all of their ministries, and the defense and security of the country, when we had just disbanded the very apparatus that had been running it for the past thirty-five years is beyond me, but that's what we did. 29:29.

[After the interview, (b)(3), (b)(6) said 3rd ID had "stacked arms" after the regime fell].

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