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clear we needed more authority. There was an Emergency Supplemental Spending Bill, Bill 108106. Section 11110 of the bill gave us authority over \$100 million. This allowed us to spend O & M funds for Iraqi projects through the CERP. The most important thing here was it created a funding stream to get things done. This is a vital tool, and we're using the same process now with the \$300 million the GoI agreed to provide at the end of March 2008. It is designated for urgent humanitarian projects.

For DDR, we had a small appropriation from 2007. (b)(3), (b)(6) STRATEFF ECON, is the best source on this. Public contracting is hard. It is very hard to establish the processes for public contracting. We are using our processes to help the Iraqis get things done through the Foreign Assistance Act and Foreign Military Sales. Iraq can purchase Serbian arms for less, but they don't come with maintenance, they don't come with guarantees, and they don't come with accountability, which means immense corruption. On the other hand, Iraqis don't like the expense of FMS. It has expensive overhead with all the checks and balances built in. We sell quality, expensive gear. We eliminate the risks of corruption and side deals. FMS brings discipline and enforces it. The sticker shot on FMS seems unbelievable to Iraqis. Lack of discipline and accountability feeds accusations of corruption and immaturity. The Iraqis lack the bureaucracies and professional discipline needed to do this.

Assume you're addressing an NDU seminar full of future brigade or division commanders who will be leading troops in Iraq. What are the top legal issues they need to deal with and what do they need to know and study up on?

I would just tell them to rely on their SIAs and involve them fully in the decision making process.

What impressions will you leave Iraq with?

We have an impressive and potent force. Soldiers and sergeants do the right thing, and they impress me to know and with the potency of that.

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