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The Honorable Carl Levin
Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee
United States Senate
269 Russell Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-2202

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I wanted to follow up on the question you asked in the video-teleconference on March 8th reference the strengths of Iraqi Security Forces in Baghdad. The forces listed below are under the control of the Iraqi-led Baghdad Operations Center and include the command and control and enabler units in the total number for each element. Though the Iraqi Police are organized by local station rather than by battalion, we have, for comparison purposes, counted them as battalion-equivalents at a 750-man-per-battalion rate:

<u>Unit in greater Baghdad</u>	<u>Battalions</u>	<u>Soldiers/Police</u>
Iraqi Army assigned	14	13,472
Iraqi Army "surge"	9	5,193
Iraqi National Police	19	17,145
Iraqi Police in 139 Baghdad stations	35	26,250
	77	62,060

Including the second US Army surge brigade which is just taking over its area in Baghdad, coalition forces have 22 combat battalions currently serving in greater Baghdad, which equates to an approximate ISF to CF ratio of 3.5 to 1.

Additionally, there are another 20,056 Iraqi Security Forces operating outside the greater Baghdad area on the approaches to the city in support of the Baghdad Security Plan. These forces include 2,483 local police (3 battalion equivalents), 22 Iraqi Army battalions, and 3 National Police battalions. In the same area, there are 15 Coalition combat battalions, though this number will continue to change as we adjust unit locations in response to enemy actions.

The numbers above do not include over 100,000 individuals who are contract security force members or members of the Iraqi Facility Protection Security Forces (there are over 80,000 FPSF in Baghdad alone). As we discussed during my confirmation hearing, the FPSF do secure numerous governmental facilities; however, they are minimally trained and armed, have not been counted since June 2004 in the "trained and equipped ISF" number, and have, in some cases, been hijacked by sectarian interests – an issue the Iraqi government is now addressing.

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As always, thank you for your keen interest in this mission and thank you for your support of our troops.

Sincerely,



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