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(b)(6)

TF 1.4a Detainee

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In an interrogation trailer, Camp Cropper, Baghdad

by (b)(3), (b)(6)

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## Abstract

(b)(6) is a U.K.-educated chemist. He swears Iraq got rid of all its weapons of mass destruction in the 1980s, and the regime was very strict with orders about complete cooperation and openness with UNSCOM. He resents being detained for five years, insists he has cooperated fully, and demands freedom and protection. He does not trust the Iraqi government and believes the Iraqi High Tribunal will be unjust. PM Maliki is grabbing more and more power. Iran is behind the killings of professionals. The situation in Iraq is confusing, and he's afraid for the future in Iraq.

## Interview

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On 2 May 2003, he volunteered, and the request of agents from the CIA, to come down and answer questions about weapons of mass destruction. He believed he would stay for two or three days of intensive questioning. He cooperated fully. They promised he would be released. Now, five years have passed, and he is very upset.

*After a long discussion of the kinds of things we might talk about, (b)(6) agreed to an interview, but only wanted to discuss his treatment and detention. I was glad for that to be the focus.*

"I feel guilty for coming here and turning myself in. I am the only one from the chemical program still here; all the others have been freed. I feel the Americans have wronged me, and my family has suffered for it. The American justice is not always just. I am a scientist. I trained in the UK to serve as a scientist, and that is what I am and have been, and that's all. I feel sorry I did not escape or flee and hide. Living here is miserable life, though sometimes not so bad.

"I appeal to the Senate, the President [lawyers, judges, the media, etc] to release me. I have committed no crimes, no embezzlement, nothing. I have only done what the government directed me to do."

"I am a chemical engineer. I was keen to cooperate in 2003 and 2004. I described all events step by step in the disarmament process. I witnessed the destruction of all the weapons and of UNSCOM's inspections. I had nothing to do with the chemical program . . . but many mistakes."

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The chemical engineers who came to interview me knew me.

Scott Ritter was a professional inspector, and prone to exaggeration.

Many inspectors believed us. After the 1995 defection, we opened up the documents and hiding, UNMOVIC. We always cooperated.

American lawyers are much stronger than Iraqi lawyers. Five Iraqi lawyers have been killed from working with defendants in Iraq.

A month ago we were assembled for the MNFRC Boards. We face threats by American and Iraqi security forces. This is not American justice. American justice is famous, but not this.

After the Americans, I face the Iraqi High Tribunal.

The IHT is a political court. The judge is very aggressive with the suspect and assumes that suspects are criminals. He does not allow a free defense.

***What is happening in Iraq today?***

There is corruption and no law. The government is isolated in the Green Zone and the population is suffering.

[redacted] (b)(6) and there is a bad sewage problem there.

Basra is under the control of militias.

***Why do you think insurgents have targeted doctors and lawyers?***

- 1) Mostly it is Iran. They are taking revenge for the 1980s. They want to prevent the resurrection or development of Iraq.
- 2) Israel is trying to prevent our resurgence.
- 3) Criminals.

Assassination. Nahraeen University. Government did not do what needed to be done to protect and investigate. The recent events in Basra have simply been a power play by PM Maliki.

***Can you explain the current fighting, with Iran supporting the GoI and the Sadrists?***

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In 2003, the main mistake was not planning for after Saddam. You should have kept the Iraqi state and withdrawn in the second year. The Sunnis would have brought Arab support and made good relations with our neighbors, if there had been a plan.

***What do you see in the future?***

I'm afraid to stay in Iraq. I'm no threat to American troops. The Americans have a responsibility to free me, to protect me, and to take me and my family out of Iraq.

***How does your family get by now?***

They rent out a house, my son has a salary, and I have a pension.

We need new elections and reconciliation, and we must avoid sectarianism. We have to forget the ideas of Sunni, Shia, and Kurd, and remain far, far away from religion.

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