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Mission Analysis

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Key Messages

Key Take-aways

- Increase troop strength to "hold" and "build".
- GoI must be accountable; enforce RoL even-handedly.
- Must strengthen ISF; TTs, funding.
- Solution is more than military; reconstruction funding, coordinator
- Regional support necessary
- Most decisive ideological struggle of our time; US must succeed

Endstate

Functioning democracy that:

- Polices its territory
- Upholds the rule of law
- Respects human liberties
- Answers to its people

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Specified Tasks

- Protect the population
- Defeat AQI; deny extremists safe haven
- Increase US troop level up to 20,000
- Embed more US Soldiers in the Iraqi Security Forces
- Help Iraqis secure Baghdad
 - Clear-Hold-Build strategy to improve neighborhoods
 - Commit more troops (18 IA & NP BDEs, 5 US BDEs)
 - Remove unnecessary restrictions
 - Establish Iraqi Baghdad C2; military commander and two deputies
- Increase pressure on terrorists in Anbar
 - 4,000 additional troops; employ tribal forces
- Hold Gol to benchmarks
 - de-Ba'ath Reform
 - Hydrocarbon Law & Sharing oil revenue
 - \$10B Gol Budget on reconstruction & job creation
 - Provincial Elections
 - Constitutional Referendum
- Accelerate Prime Minister's initiatives and transition
- Double the size of Provincial Reconstruction Teams
- Achieve Provincial Iraqi Control (PIC) in all 18 Provinces by November 2007

Blue Text indicates tasks not currently reflected in JCAP 07 (Draft)

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Implied Tasks

- Build Gol institutional capacity
- Conduct Strategic Info Ops (SIO)
- Meet the requirements of the Amman agreement
- Improve synchronization between "hold" and "build" forces
- Minimize Gol restrictions/interference to operations
- Engage tribes throughout Iraq to defeat extremists
- Expand intelligence sharing
- Mobilize reserves and civilian support to aid PRTs

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Support to Regional Efforts

- 1.4b
- **Establish International Compact**
- **Spread democracy in the region**
- **Protect our friends and allies**
- **Secure borders**
 - **Disrupt attacks stemming from border infiltrations**
 - **Interrupt flow of supplies**
 - **Seek and destroy networks providing equipment and training**
 - **Assist Gol and Turkey with border issues**

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NSC Observations

Relationship to GWOT

- Failure in Iraq would make succeeding in GWOT vastly more difficult

Regional Picture

- Arab States fearful of 1.4b growing influence; suspicious of Iraq's independence
- Arab States have not effectively opposed 1.4b
- 1.4b exacerbates the tactical challenges faced by the Gol

Situation

- Many initial objectives achieved; security situation has grown more complex
- Relatively few Iraqi leaders appear ready to accept a single vision for a united Iraq
- Government of Iraq has been slow in delivering promised reconstruction despite having the funds
- Force levels in Baghdad are inadequate to stabilize a city of its size
- We are on the strategic defensive and the enemy has the initiative

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NSC – Iraq Strategic Review

Key strategic objectives mirror those in JCAP

<p><u>Notable assumptions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary challenge is extremists from all communities• Iraqi leaders advancing own interests ahead of non-sectarian agenda• Shi'a center disillusioned with Coalition effort• Arab States taking a wait and see approach before assisting Iraq	<p><u>Strategic Shifts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Place the burden of success on the Iraqis• Population security is the primary mission• Fault line is extremists vs. moderates• Greater attention outside the International Zone is needed• Must have military and civilian national capabilities to fight the long war
<p><u>Operational Shifts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary security focus is on the population• Iraqi conceived, Iraqi led• Lay groundwork for national reconciliation later• Build capacity outside the green zone• Accelerate transfer of battlespace	<p><u>Tactical Shifts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobilize the National Guard to support rotations• Double PRTs and personnel• Create a civilian CERP for PRT leaders• Launch the International Compact in early 2007• Create a civilian reserve

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NSC – Iraq Strategy Summary

Protect the population
Isolate extremists
Let the Iraqis lead
Deliver services to ALL Iraqis
Embed in regional strategy

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