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Date: 25-May-03

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CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

SUBJECT: STATUS OF IRAQI PRISONERS

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Secretary of the Joint Staff Fwd

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CCJJIACG INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Status of Iraqi Prisons

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. According to current Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and Combined Joint Task Force-14a (CJTF-14) Provost Marshal Office (PMO) estimates, there were 102 confirmed detention facilities in Iraq prior to the war. Currently, there are only two Iraqi staffed detention facilities in Baghdad. As of 21 May 2003, there are 1,824 detainees, 1,103 of these detainees are suspected criminals, and 721 are enemy prisoners of war (EPW) and civilian internees.

2. DISCUSSION.

a. According to the DIA, Iraq had approximately 102 confirmed prison facilities and detention centers prior to the war. The 23 major prisons were mostly full time civilian prisons used for long term incarceration of criminals and political prisoners. All of these facilities are presently empty. The jails and detention centers were small facilities often operated by the security services or local police.

b. Two small jail facilities are currently open in Baghdad. A police investigation jail, with a capacity of 150 personnel, is staffed with 50 Iraqi guards and opened on 20 May 2003. The Al-Salhya Detention Facility, with a capacity of 150 persons, is currently open and staffed with 15 Iraqi guards. CJTF-14 PMO has surveyed 12 other confinement facilities in Baghdad and determined these facilities are currently unusable. CJTF-14 is currently working with the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance (ORHA) to make these facilities functional.

c. The US 101<sup>st</sup> Division surveyed three prisons in the Mosul area with a capacity of 1,000 persons, and determined they are unusable. The local officials in Mosul established a juvenile prison composed of tents and a wire fence.

d. As of 21 May 2003, there are 1,824 detainees under US control, of those, 1,103 are considered criminals. The Theatre EPW Internment Facility is located at Camp Bucca in Umm Qasr, and is holding 695 detainees (58 criminals). There are six other Coalition detainment facilities: V Corps holding area (Camp Cropper) with 896 detainees (892 criminals); US 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division collection point with 158 detainees (153 criminals); Special Confinement Facility with 45 detainees; US 101<sup>st</sup> Division collection point; US 82<sup>nd</sup> Division collection point; and the 800<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade Theatre Transshipment Point at the Tallil Airfield.

3. RECOMMENDATION: For Information Only

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MEMO FOR: Director (info) *BT*  
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SUBJECT: (S) Status of Iraqi Prisons,

*CINC*       

Sir,

REF: Reference Information Paper (Tab A)

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1. PURPOSE. (S) To provide information on the current status of Iraqi prisons.

2. DISCUSSION. (S) According to current Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and Combined Joint Task Force <sup>4a</sup>(CJTF-4a) Provost Marshal Office (PMO) estimates, there were 102 confirmed detention facilities in Iraq prior to the war. Currently, there are only two Iraqi staffed detention facilities in Baghdad. As of 21 May 2003, there are 1,824 detainees, 1,103 of these detainees are suspected criminals, and 721 are enemy prisoners of war (EPW) and civilian internees.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. (S) For information only

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Tab A: Information Paper

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