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CCJ3 Information Paper

JOINT STAFF ASKS: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE 17 AMMUNITION
SITES FOUND UNGUARDED IN IRAQ?

Purpose. To provide information on the disposition of 17 Ammunition Sites found unguarded by the FBI on 27 August 2003.

Discussion. CJTF-4¹ contacted the FBI on 28 October and then again on 30 October in order to determine the specific locations of the sites in question. On 1 November 2003 the FBI responded with specifics on only one of the sites identified. The FBI had no information on their team visiting 17 unguarded sites. Their team reported visiting only one site located approximately 30 miles SW of Baghdad (Lat/Long [redacted] 1.4a) on 27 August. The report noted the site was open, unguarded and Iraqis were rummaging through it as they arrived. They observed open hangars, racks with Russian bombs, fuses, artillery projectiles, 55 gallon drums marked DNT/TNT, land mines, etc. Helicopter pilots reported previously seeing Iraqis loading trucks (b)(3)(c) USC § 3507 bomb technicians that were on the trip stated that there were 50 such sites throughout Iraq with little or no security. The site specifically identified by the FBI is currently being secured by Facility Protection Services (FPS) and coalition forces. Additionally, the bunker doors have been covered with dirt to keep looters out. The other 16 sites are not identified and cannot be commented on.

Recommendation: Review/approve response as written.

TAB A - Captured Enemy Ammunition in Iraq

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