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SEPTEMBER 15. HE NOTED THAT THREE DELEGATIONS PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO IRAQ TO ASSESS THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH A DEPLOYMENT AND GET IN TOUCH WITH THE LOCAL POPULATION. MIT, TGS AND POSSIBLY MFA PLUS TWO DRIVERS. THEY TENTATIVELY PLANNED TO DRIVE FROM TURKEY TO BAGHDAD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 22 AND BEGIN THEIR WORK THE NEXT DAY. A CAR FROM THE EMBASSY IN BAGHDAD WOULD MEET THE DEL AT THE BORDER AND GUIDE IF A AA THE CONVOY BACK TO BAGHDAD. FULL DETAILS WOULD BE AS SOON AS THE PLAN IS FINALIZED.

FORTHCOMING

THE SECOND DELEGATION WOULD BE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND POSSIBLY SOME ACADEMICS. NO DATE HAD BEEN SET.

THE THIRD DELEGATION WOULD BE HIGH-LEVEL, CERTAINLY AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL, POSSIBLY LED BY MFA U/S ZYAL.

3. NOTED THAT WHILE DETAILS WERE YET TO BE WORKED OUT, THE GOVERNMENT WAS EYEING A STRICT SEPTEMBER 15 DEADLINE.

SUBJECT: IN GEAR TO DECIDE ON STABILIZATION FORCE CONTRIBUTION BY SEPTEMBER 15

6. FINALLY NOTED WITH PLEASURE THAT A BORDER GATE STAFFED WITH IRAQI CUSTOMS OFFICIALS HAD BEEN OPENED ON THE KUWAITI BORDER. HE URGED THE US TO PROVIDE THE SAME CUSTOMS SUPPORT ON THE BORDER, WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING MANNED BY THE KDP.

7. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THE ARE NOW TAKING STEPS TO PERSUADE THE PARLIAMENT AND THE PUBLIC THAT PARTICIPATION IS IN THE IS INTEREST. WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE THESE PROACTIVE ACTIVITIES BY SUPPORTING THEIR VISITS TO IRAQ AND URGING THE GC DELEGATION TO SAY THE RIGHT THINGS IN SUPPORT OF PARTICIPATION WHEN IT COMES TO ANKARA.

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