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Memo for the Secretary of Defense and Chairman JCS

Subject: 2<sup>nd</sup> Meetings in Iraq

Mr. Secretary and Chairman:

Just completed second meeting with PM (designate) Allawi this morning. Amb Bremer, Mr. Gompert, Amb Richmond (UK), LTG Sanchez and his UK DCG were also in attendance.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> page, 2<sup>nd</sup> to last paragraph after the word "issues" on 2<sup>nd</sup> line add "including agreement to initiate sensitive offensive use of force..."

This is PM Allawi's major change to his letter to the UN. It violates your Red Line of No Veto of MNF (I) Commander's freedom of action. PM Allawi brought this point forward after consultation with key advisors/IIG members. We do not know exactly with whom there issues were discussed. He reiterated several times that he needs such language to protect his government, especially at such a vulnerable period.

Believe 1.4b would agree to requiring agreement on "major offensive" operations.

Believe Amb Bremer will ask USG for a position on this ASAP. My military advice is not to restrict MNF (I) Commander's freedom of action.

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