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Sir,

CPA reports the following about this evening's PC SVTC - this should be taken as a "CPA account", not ground truth...:

Gen Abizaid was the primary speaker. He briefed Principals through what the Interagency is calling Phases II and III. He described the risks of inaction - various opposition forces would see our inaction and become increasingly aggressive in Mosul, Baqubah and other cities.

Amb Bremer still has reservations. He was much struck by Gen Abizaid's responses when he was pushed about the logical extension of taking military action - Gen Abizaid noted that we are taking fire from mosques and will return fire on mosques - decisively - if necessary. Amb Bremer noted that such actions could potentially scuttle the whole political process. Amb Bremer advocated continuing a political approach, to whittle down the element of resistance, and to restrict them geographically within the city. Part of this will include working with the city leadership to bring back the security forces and begin joint patrolling.

POTUS - according to CPA - echoed some of Amb Bremer's concerns; and in any event was not satisfied with any single proposed course of action.

The key result is that Gen Abizaid will return to theater, soon, to join you - and Amb Bremer apparently - for talks with Lt Gen Conway, about the way ahead.

CPA reports that the discussion never turned to the Checklist. Attached is the final version of the CPA checklist that Amb Bremer had in his hands as he entered the PC; CPA intends to update and revise as we go.

Meanwhile, the CPA Fallujah rep reports that at 1730, a pickup truck showed up with some weapons - in non-working condition; and today the new security head bubba in Fallujah (b)(3), (b)(6) tried to resign...

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