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### Sadr City Sheik Meeting Talking Points—24 June

1. US forces will not enter Sadr City for 5 days except to secure key facilities (DAC Hall), and to evaluate the progress of infrastructure projects in Sadr City during the day. This is a demonstration of US goodwill and respect for the many good and innocent people of Sadr City in the hopes of reducing tension.
2. The Mahdi Army or any other militia is unauthorized. The Mahdi Army and any other militia will not conduct patrols, set up checkpoints, direct traffic, or conduct any military or otherwise organized events. Any Mahdi Army activity, armed or unarmed, is considered hostile and the personnel will be detained.
3. There will be no threats, intimidation or attacks against Coalition Forces, Iraqi National Guard, Iraqi Police, DAC and NAC members, Iraqi governmental officials, Coalition translators, or Coalition employees. This includes all projects and efforts to restore essential services to the people.
4. The immediate punishment committee of the Sadr Bureau must disband immediately and not be restored.
5. There will be no attacks against Coalition base camps from Sadr City, Hay Tariq, or Alhamidia. There will be no attacks of any kind to include mortars on Camp War Eagle from any location.
6. The honorable Sheiks and the Sadr Bureau will support the restoring of the Sadr City DAC as the governing structure for Sadr City.
7. Anyone in violation of Coalition rules on ownership of weapons will be arrested.
8. IP's must patrol the streets and set-up checkpoints day and night. Use of IP auxiliaries is acceptable provided they are unarmed and not affiliated with any militia.
9. There will be no demonstrations by any group in Sadr City during this period.
10. All IEDs, and bombs must be removed from all roads in Sadr City so as to not risk the lives of the many innocent and good people of Sadr City.
11. This must be announced verbatim on all mosques throughout the city and published in all local media.

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Any violations of conditions described above will cause the coalition to intensify attacks on the Mahdi Army and its supporters.

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**From:** Metz Thomas F LTG MNC-I CG [MetzT (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 25, 2004 12:22 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Meeting with Sadr City Sheiks--24 June 2004 ~~(SECRET)~~  
**Importance:** High

Ric,

(b)(3), (b)(6) had another very productive meeting as you can see from his email to MG Chiarelli below. The hard part remains the issue of "freedom of maneuver", and I believe the first paragraph in the attachment is a redline from the strategic level. In further discussions with MG Chiarelli, his forces plan to move freely during the day especially to/from key facilities and to/from projects. The Sadr City leaders just want peace and calm during the evening, which they articulate is no M1/2s at night. We really are giving up very little for a huge gain. I think the key issue is how, when, by whom, etc the announcement is made - made in such a way that the Coalition in partnership with the IIG is demonstrating goodwill and respect for the many good and innocent people of Sadr City with the goal of reducing tension and letting the efforts in essential services, economy and governance take root.

Strongly recommend we get someone with the authority to agree, if we decide we want to, to meet the next time with these local leaders (b)(3), (b)(6) can't reassemble them without moving forward. We bought a couple more days, but our creditability is thin now. Lt Gen McColl has been helping us with this effort, and he is the best one to continue of behalf of MNF-I and MNC-I.

Thanks, VR,  
Tom

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Chiarelli, Peter W. MG  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 24, 2004 8:26 PM

**To:** Metz Thomas F LTG MNC-I CG  
**Cc:** Troy William BG MNC-I Chief of Staff  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting with Sadr City Sheiks--24 June 2004 (SECRET)  
**Importance:** High

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Caveats: NONE

Sir:

This was a good session and I hope we can capitalize on these talks. If allowed to make an agreement, we are prepared to do it ourselves or take anyone in from CPA, MNF-I, or MNF-C to finalize. Sir, even if the Shieks' agree and then can't deliver, it would be a good thing. The greater the distance between them and the Sadr Bureau, the better off we are.

We are conducting missions in Sadr City tonight, awaiting your guidance.

Vr,  
Pete

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [b 3 (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 24, 2004 6:31 PM  
**To:** Peter W. MG Chiarelli (E-mail)  
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**Subject:** Meeting with Sadr City Sheiks--24 June 2004  
**Importance:** High

Sir,

Per your guidance I met with select sheiks from Sadr City today at 1100 at the DAC Hall in Sadr City. In attendance were the following:

Sheik Abbas al-Farajji  
Sheik Faisal al Bany Elam (Ben Lamy)  
Sayid Kareem al Bukhti  
Sayid Raheem al A'alak  
Sheik Mazen Falah Bu-Mohammed  
Sheik Malak Khalaf al-Daraji  
Sheik Chasim al-Daraji  
Sheik Mohammad Chutheer Zergawi  
Sheik Sha'a Jasim Mohammed al Behadal  
Sheik Ali Hamadi al Maliki  
Sheik Adel Ibrahim al Sari  
Sheik Maged Hatem al-Sudani  
Sheik Adnan al Shefy (Kurd)  
Sheik Kasim Mohammed al Shara'a

Many of the above have been moderate to pro-coalition sheiks from 2 ACR days. Sayid Kareem is the Tribal Coordinator with contacts with the Sadr Bureau. The following are the key elements from today's discussion:



1. I was not here to make an agreement, but merely representing my higher HQ and presenting issues for their consideration. They too made clear that they could not enter into any overarching agreements and would have to see others to ratify any issues I might present.

2. I used the attached document to guide my discussion points to get a feel for their positions and interests.



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3. We discussed each talking point in detail to ensure 100% understanding. The sheiks were in agreement on every point except number 4. They suggested that all political committee punishment like committees should disband. They specifically referred to SCIRI as an example.

4. With regards to supporting the DAC (point #6), the sheiks asked only that we give strong consideration to replacing the current DAC members as there is no confidence in them and they would like to see some sort of caucus or representative vote of a new one. They agreed with the notion that the DAC is the local governmental apparatus.

5. The great thing about this smaller group was that there was honest discussion, no grandstanding and a real concern for the safety of the people and the future of the city. Frankly, I was suprised at the unanimous support on every point. It was not without discussion and debate, but the sheiks really took charge to get others on board. Most notably, Sayid Karrem was very positive about the discussion points, including the ones dealing strictly with the Mahdi Army. They want the violence over with.

We left with an understanding that I would take their positions back to my COC for further discussion and passage up the COC. They in turn were presenting their positions to representatives of the Sadr Bureau to get their buy in. We agreed to meet in the near future to discuss the way ahead, but only after we had each had time to discuss with others. Very positive session. BG Newton from MNF-I C5 was in attendance.

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