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## Point Paper

Topic: What actions should occur over the next 7 days as a result of the capture of Saddam Hussein?

### 1. Force Protection

- Maintain strong force protection posture AOR wide in anticipation of protest or terrorists acts as the result of Saddam's capture (Al Qaeda)
- Don't let our guard down as a result of capturing Saddam
- Increase vigilance and stay alert, rather than committing additional forces for Force Protection

### 2. Operations

- Maintain pressure but focus on intel collection
- Hiatus for intrusive actions in favor of precision operations based on actionable intelligence
  - Iraqi people may believe that future intrusive operations are not necessary now that we have Saddam
    - Could have negative impact on COG and push them away from the coalition
  - Delay Operation Buford (focused mainly in Sunni Triangle)

### 3. Security

- Tighten border vigilance for fleeing remnants that are abandoning ship
- Implications of the Hajj as opportunity for escape; may lay low now but use Hajj flow for cover
- Increase ISR on Rat Lines, smuggling routes
- What are the most likely destinations for fleeing HVTs?
- Will foreign fighter infiltration increase?

### 4. Diplomacy

- CPA lead negotiations with IGC for truth and reconciliation process for Sunni Baath'st
  - Seize the initiative before the capture of Saddam wears off
- Opportune time for reconciliation
- May be time to extend olive branch to Sunnis

### 5. Strategic Communications

- Stress right to due process/rule of law
- Decision on who will prosecute (Iraq Court, U.S. Court, Hague)
- Use Iraqi media to deliver our message
- Gain Iraqi Cleric support
- Saddam is gone, but foreign fighters and FREs are trying to undermine the future of Iraq by hurting Iraqis and destroying critical infrastructure.

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- Help the coalition help Iraq move to a brighter future

#### 6. Saddam Hussien Disposition

- Keep at BIAP for 96 hours for interrogation
- Move to another location in Iraq
- Move to USN ship in international waters – interim solution
- Move to third country – legal implications
- Bottom Line: USG Policy Issue

#### 6. Monitor Perceptions of Iraqi People

- Must carefully gauge our actions and next moves but not relinquish the initiative
- Iraqi will be watching our near term actions closely
- Iraqi views on Saddam are mixed, need to listen to their grievances

#### 7. Theater Strategic

- Engage Syria to strengthen borders/cooperate on
- Impact of capturing Saddam:
  - Discovery and movement of:
    - Finances
    - Key Personalities
    - 1.4a
- Monitor response of key nations ( 1.4b )
- Coordinate with EUCOM (Libya)

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