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MEMORANDUM FOR The Joint Staff, J5, Attn: COL (b)(6) 5000 Joint Staff Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20318-5000

SUBJECT: Long Term US-Iraq Security Relationship

REFERENCE: LT US-IZ Security 14 Jun 06 JS J5

1. Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed US-Iraqi Security Relationship paper, SAB. CENTCOM concurs with comment.

2. ~~(S)~~ The attached paper includes recommended changes (highlighted). The changes address the following concerns for interagency consideration as policy guidance is developed:

a. The overriding strategic goal is regional stability. Specific goals in Iraq are supporting objectives to this strategic goal.

b. We can predict the security objectives of the current GOI, but security policies of future governments will not necessarily follow.

c. Recommend caution with using dates. Iraqi security self-reliance remains conditions based. Progression to long-term relationship must balance conditions based criteria with necessary budget planning requirements.

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e. International contributions to the long-term security relationship must be integrated with US bilateral inputs, specific policy governing this integration must be developed.

f. Careful consideration must be given to determination of the optimal command structure for management of the long term security relationship.

g. MNF-I recommends caution with prescriptive attempt to define goals in terms of Iraq's offensive and defensive capabilities.

3. My point of contact is LTC (b)(6) CCJ5-O, DSN (b)(2)

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