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ATTACHMENT 3 TO TALKING POINTS TO FRAGO XXXX [SADDAM HUSSEIN CAPTURED] TO
CJTF-7 FRAGO 03-036

**AFTERMATH OF SADDAM HUSSEIN'S CAPTURE
(December 2003)**

(U) Purpose: The intent of this document is to provide Coalition and Iraqi leaders, soldiers, and security personnel with talking points for use in conversation with the local populace and community leaders. Talking Points are unclassified. They are intended to provide the basic information and direction for conversations that are appropriately tailored for a given audience. Know your audience.

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Former Regime Loyalists are Criminals

Background: With the capture of Saddam Hussein, the former regime elements (FRE) no longer have a well-known or recognizable leader. The cause of the former regime is forever lost and they can no longer use Saddam Hussein as a reason, or excuse, for committing attacks against the Iraqi people and the Coalition. Efforts should be made to communicate the dishonorable nature of Saddam and his followers in order to separate the FRE from the remainder of the populace and undermine their support base.

Talking Points:

- The former regime elements are criminals who kill innocent Iraqis.
- Saddam Hussein is gone – there is nothing for the FRE to fight for.
- The followers of Saddam cannot regain power.
- Their deeds have no justification and are inexcusable
- Further attacks and subversive acts are crimes against the Iraqi people.
- The members of the FRE and their supporters are the enemy of the Iraqi people.

The Cause of the Old Regime is Lost

Background: Now that Saddam Hussein is in Coalition hands, the cause of former regime members is lost and they can not longer look to Saddam Hussein as a reason to continue fighting. Efforts should be made to communicate the hopelessness of fighting for Saddam Hussein or other senior leaders of the former regime.

Talking Points:

- Saddam Hussein is defeated – the followers of the former regime no longer have a leader.
- It was inevitable that Saddam Hussein and his followers would be defeated.
- Saddam was found cowering in a hole, hiding from Coalition soldiers.
- Saddam gave up without a fight.
- Saddam was willing for others to die for him, but was not willing to fight himself.
- Fewer and fewer of his senior leaders are left – it is just a matter of time before they are all gone.
- Support for the former regime is a lost cause.
- Members and supporters of the former regime should put down their weapons and end the fight or they too will be captured or killed.

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The Time for Reconciliation has Arrived

Background: The capture of Saddam Hussein is a turning point in Iraqi history. It is Iraq's opportunity to break with the past and move forward, leaving the violence and old hatreds behind. Efforts should be made to communicate the concept of reconciliation between ethnic groups, all Iraqis and their new government, and the Sunni populace and Coalition Forces.

Talking Points:

- The Capture of Saddam Hussein is a defining moment for the new Iraq.
- With the capture of Saddam, the people of Iraq close a dark chapter of their history and move forward to return to normalcy.
- It is time for all Iraqis to join together in reconciliation of the torment caused in the past by this ruthless dictator.
- Saddam does not represent Iraq – only a small group of criminals who follow him.
- The future is with the new Iraqi government -- all Iraqis have a place in the new Iraq.
- It is time to put down the weapons and hatred and start to rebuild Iraq.
- Iraq's future is very bright, now is the time for Iraq and all the Iraqi people to move forward in building a new, representative and prosperous future.

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