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Subject: Capitalizing On the Capture of Saddam to Defeat the Sunni Insurgency in Iraq

Purpose: The purpose of this paper is to assist the CENTCOM staff in identifying, planning, and executing actions to capitalize on the capture of Saddam and defeat the Sunni Insurgency in Iraq.

Executive Summary: The capture of Saddam is a very positive development, but the Coalition must capitalize upon it to have more than a transitory effect on the insurgency in Iraq. (b)(1)1.4a

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A Multi-Faceted Approach:¹

Operation Iraqi Freedom overturned the dominant position of the Sunni Arab community within Iraq. (b)(1)1.4a

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Sunni Insurgent Factions: Our efforts must begin with an understanding of the factions that comprise the insurgency.

- **Former Regime Elements (FREs):** (b)(1)1.4a

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- **Ba‘thists:**

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- **Salafis:**

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- **Mainstream Islamist Parties:**

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- **Nationalists:**

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- **Professionals, Intellectuals & Middle Class remnants:**

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Sunni Arab Concerns and Perceptions:

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Recommended Actions:

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- **Economic Actions:**

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- **Security Actions:**

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- **IO/Strategic Communications Actions:**

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- **Diplomatic Actions:**

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