



COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY
BAGHDAD

Safe/Beal

Polks

INFO MEMO

March 5, 2004

FOR: THE ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: Don Hamilton
SUBJECT: 24 February IRI Focus Group in Nasariyah

The report reaches you late because technical communications failures prevented delivery to CPA.

As usual, Steve Moore's report contains important nuggets.

- As before, "making and keeping promises," is a resonant theme.
- IGC adequate interim solution, but not a substitute for elections.
- Chalabi seen as an American who arrived in Nassariyah on an American tank in an American uniform.
- Nasariyahns want someone who will work not just for Iraq, but for them.
- They are pleased that the Italians moved out of the center of town, but now deride them as cowards who use the Iraqi Police to protect them.
- They like 15-minute speeches more than Saddam's long ones, but only if you have something to say.
- They said they would probably tune-in your speeches if they knew ahead of time when you were speaking and what the subject was to be.

ATTACHMENTS: IRI focus group report: "Local Politics and Perceptions of Amb. Bremer in Nasariyah"

COORDINATION: NONE