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SUBJECT: Iraqi Opposition Conference

- The joint camera team that Charlotte Beers and Bill Luti and I put together has come back from the London conference with some very good raw footage.
- The team interviewed a variety of Iraqi delegates to the conference: Arabs, Kurds, and Turkomen – Shi'a, Sunni, and Christian.
- ~~Enc A is a quick summary of the themes of the conference, and a few of our comments.~~
- We have on tape some very interesting, very personal "human interest" stories that we plan to use in a variety of media products.
 - Personal, eye-witness accounts of the Halabja poison gas attack.
 - 4 Shi'a clerics and a human rights activist discussing Saddam's persecution of Muslims (his burning of centuries-old religious manuscripts, Muslim school closures, holy site desecration, etc.)
 - Accounts of Saddam's assassination of key Muslim clerics and other Iraqis.
 - A former military officer discussing his vision of a future Iraqi military under civilian control.
 - A (reportedly) "poetic" and moving appeal in Arabic to the people of Iraq from a Shi'a cleric from Detroit, Michigan.
- Our plan is to use these interviews in the following ways:
 - To give to Charlotte for State Department use. (Our folks stayed longer than hers, and have some footage that her team missed.) We want to see videos prepared for release to both U.S. and overseas media. We think the conference footage paints a very positive vision for the future of a Saddam-free Iraq. It shows the caliber of the Iraqi people. It also shows the brutality of Saddam's regime.

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- **Give to Broadcasting Board of Governors for RADIO SAWA use.**
- **Insert into some training videos for the Free Iraq Force and (perhaps) a future police force.**
- **For use in seminars for Iraqis on democracy.**