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Points for Secretary of Defense call to Prime Minister Allawi

- Congratulations on being the first Prime Minister in the new Iraq; you have opened a new chapter in Iraq's history.
- I have been impressed by the fast start you have made in the face of very demanding circumstances.
- With the formation of the Interim Government, the unanimous adoption of the UN Security Council Resolution 1456, and your strong leadership, we feel that momentum is building behind the Iraqi people's efforts to move your country to democracy, prosperity, and peace.
- I notice that, instead of heading off to foreign lands, you have been staying close to home, engaged in the time-consuming, difficult tasks of making your government ready for the transfer of authority. We see how serious and committed you are to success.
- I wanted to let you know that we would like to send my deputy, Paul Wolfowitz, and a small delegation to Baghdad to see you and your new national security team, especially Minister of Defense Hazan Sha'alam.
- General George Casey, the current Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, who will succeed Lieutenant General Sanchez as the Commander of the MNF-I, will be a member of this delegation.
- We would like to send this delegation early next week.
- The purpose of the visit is primarily to solicit your and your government's ideas on how best we can work together to surmount Iraq's current challenges.
- We this is as an opportunity to continue to develop the genuine security partnership we have already begun.
- We believe that at the top of our agenda should be crafting together a joint political-economic-military strategy to defeat the insurgency.
- We also would like to continue our discussions about how best to ensure effective cooperation and coordination between your

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government and the MNF-I after the June 30 transfer of sovereignty.

- We also would like to discuss how best to handle the immediate challenges posed by Muqtada Sadr in Najaf and Karbala, and the situation in Fallujah.
- While Deputy Secretary Wolfowitz is in Iraq, he may travel to the north to speak with Barzani and Talabani about their concerns regarding the Transitional Administrative Law.
- I hope at some point we will have an opportunity to get together to discuss the U.S.-Iraqi strategic partnership.

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