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The Military Assistant

15 May 2003 - 1435 Hours

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. JIM THOMAS, SA/DSD

SUBJECT: Pre-War Iraq WMD Capabilities

Sir:

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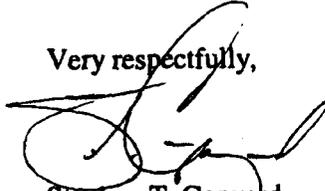
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Very respectfully,



Stephen T. Ganyard
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Paul Wolfowitz**

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Special Assistant

DSD,

Attached are key excerpts
from IC judgments on Iraq's
WMD programs for your info.

V/R,

Jim

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Excerpts from Intelligence Estimates of Pre-War Iraqi WMD Capabilities

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(U) Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction Programs – CIA, Oct 02.

“Iraq has continued its weapons of mass destruction (WMD) programs in defiance of UN resolutions and restrictions. Baghdad has chemical and biological weapons as well as missiles with ranges in excess of UN restrictions; if left unchecked, it probably will have a nuclear weapon during this decade.”

“Baghdad has exceeded UN range limitations of 150 km with its ballistic missiles and is working with unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), which allow for a more lethal means to deliver biological and, less likely, chemical warfare agents.”

“Baghdad has renewed production of chemical warfare agents, probably including mustard, sarin, cyclosarin, and VX.”

“All key aspects—R&D, production, and weaponization—of Iraq’s offensive BW program are active and most elements are larger and more advanced than they were before the Gulf War.”

(U) Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction – British Government, Sep 02.

“Much information about Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction is already in the public domain from UN reports and from Iraqi defectors. This points clearly to Iraq’s continuing possession, after 1991, of chemical and biological agents and weapons produced before the Gulf War...And it indicates that Iraq remains able to manufacture these agents, and to use bombs, shells, artillery rockets and ballistic missiles to deliver them.”

“Intelligence also shows that Iraq is preparing plans to conceal evidence of these weapons, including incriminating documents, from renewed inspections. And it confirms that despite sanctions and the policy of containment, Saddam has continued to make progress with his illicit weapons programmes.”

“But the threat from Iraq does not depend solely on the capabilities we have described. It arises also because of the violent and aggressive nature of Saddam Hussein’s regime. His record of internal repression and external aggression gives rise to unique concerns about the threat he poses.”

~~(S/NF)~~ Iraq's Continuing Programs for Weapons of Mass Destruction – NIC, Oct 02.

“We judge that we are seeing only a portion of Iraq’s WMD efforts, owing to Baghdad’s vigorous denial and deception efforts.”

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“Since inspections ended in 1998, Iraq has maintained its chemical weapons effort, energized its missile program, and invested more heavily in biological weapons; in the view of most agencies, Baghdad is reconstituting its nuclear weapons program.”

~~(S/NF)~~ Iraqi Doctrine for Selecting Chemical Weapon Storage Sites – DIA, Nov 02.

“Bagdad will store and deploy its chemical weapons to support these objectives: maintaining a chemical warfare (CW) strike capability aimed at Israel and other US allies, suppressing internal insurgency, and acting as a force multiplier against overwhelming enemy forces.”

“Iraq is flexible in selecting storage sites for its CW weapons. It will store these weapons at many locations, including in or near conventional weapons storage sites, at or near airfields, or at missile support sites.”

~~(S/Ref/NATO)~~ DDCI Briefing Notes on Iraq WMD for NATO Defense Ministers, Sep 02.

“Looking at all of the data, the intelligence case for Iraqi possession of WMD is very strong. It is especially strong for Iraqi possession of BW and assorted WMD delivery systems.”

~~(S/NF)~~ DCI Testimony Before Senate Foreign Relations Committee, 24 Sep 02.

“The intelligence depicting Iraq’s continuing weapons of mass destruction programs—in defiance of UN resolutions and restrictions—is very strong. Saddam has chemical and biological weapons and missiles with ranges in excess of UN restrictions; if left unchecked, he will have a nuclear weapon in a matter of years.”

“Saddam will continue to lie about his intentions, as he did before the Gulf War and during inspections after. He will continue to deny and obfuscate any efforts to collect against his programs. Most of all, he will continue to pose a threat to his neighbors and to US interests in the region.”

~~(S/NF)~~ IC-Coordinated Assessment by DIA Iraq Working Group for OSD/NP, Jan 03.

Weapon Type	Delivery System	Quantity	Weapon Type	Delivery System	Quantity
Nuclear	R&D/ Eqpt	22 Sites	Missile/UAV	Missiles	140-250
Chemical	SRBM Warheads	2 to 24	Biological	SRBM Warheads	2 to 12
	Bomb	less than 2000		Bomb	less than 1000
	Artillery Shells	several thousand		Spray tanks	several dozen
	Rockets	less than 26500		Mobile Labs	7
	Precursor/stockpiles	less than 4400 MT		Bulk Agent	less than 20 MT
			Seed Stock	up to 100,000 liters	

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