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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
The Military Assistant

8 October 2003 - 2100 Hours - HC 10/9
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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL PACE, VCJCS

SUBJECT: Security at the Al Rashid Hotel

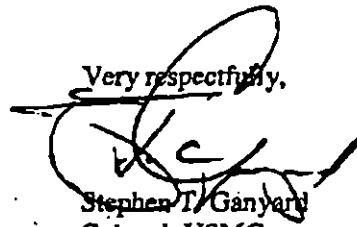
Sir:

The Deputy Secretary forward the attached OSD Policy/NESA packet to you with the following comments:

"Let's discuss. I'm becoming a pain on this one,
but it really worries me. PW"

Thank you.

Very respectfully,



Stephen T. Ganyard
Colonel, USMC
Military Assistant to the
Deputy Secretary of Defense

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8 OCT 2008

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From the Desk of
Paul Wolfowitz

Pete Pace -

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ACTION MEMO

FOR: DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Douglas J. Feith *DF 10/2/03*

SUBJECT: Security at the Al Rashid Hotel

At today's Centcom/CPA SVTC,

- You noted the continuing security threat to the military and CPA civilian personnel billeted at the Al Rashid.
- Central Command has made a detailed study of physical security at the Al Rashid.
 - The recommendations of this study have been implemented.
 - Security features such as additional barriers, exterior walls, and stand-off have been added.
- Nonetheless the Al Rashid remains a lucrative terrorist target, due to the large concentration of American and Coalition personnel who live there and pass in and out on a daily basis.
- You may want to ask General Abizaid to consider dispersing those now living at the Al Rashid to a number of sites.
 - General Abizaid and his subordinates are best-placed to analyze the trade-offs such a dispersal would entail.

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the attached Memorandum to General Abizaid (Tab A)

COORDINATION: None
Attachment: as stated

Prepared by: C. Straub, {692-4905}

DUSD(NESA): *USA*

TAB A



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DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1010

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDER, U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND

SUBJECT: Security at the Al Rashid Hotel, Baghdad

- As you know, the concentration of U.S. and Coalition military and civilian personnel living at the Al Rashid Hotel in Baghdad presents a lucrative target for our adversaries.
- I appreciate CENTCOM's extensive effort to analyze and reduce security vulnerabilities at the Al Rashid. But the recent indirect-fire attack reminds us that we still have a problem.
- We might be able to reduce our vulnerabilities still further by dispersing those who live at the Al Rashid to other sites. I would like to see a CENTCOM plan for such a dispersal together with your recommendation on the course of action which will provide the best security for those currently living at the Al Rashid.

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MEMO TO: General Pace

DATE: November 5, 2003 - HC 1240

FROM: Paul Wolfowitz PW

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SUBJECT: Al Rashid Hotel

Pete,

I am going to draft a memo for the Secretary's signature directing the Chairman to present to us with alternative housing possibilities in Baghdad to replace the Al Rashid Hotel.

At a minimum, we should look at:

1. Emergency construction of some housing somewhere on military-controlled real estate;
2. The rental and/or expropriation of some substantial residential area(s) in Baghdad.

What would be a short but realistic deadline to ask to have this assessment done?