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From: Haslach, Patricia M
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Cheryl,

I had a good conversation with Amb Jeffrey and he wants me to start *immediately*. I told him that I was ready to take on this enormous challenge *but* first needed to talk with you on timing, the reporting chain and staff, plus transition on FtF front (most important to me). On staffing, he wants S to persuade SecDef to appoint a 3-Star counterpoint for the coordinator to work with on OSD side. He is looking at the model that was used to set up the first Iraq office in Washington under Ambassador Ricciardone, Bob Godec, Jeannine Jackson etc. back in 2002/03. I was working on Afghanistan then and had some interaction with the setup team. He could not recall if the team was part of NEA or part of P back then.

He envisions that the "coordinator" will have three jobs related to the transition: be the communication link between all the inter-agency players in DC and in Iraq, especially keeping the Embassy looped in; push the bureaucracy to carry out commitments, especially the military; encourage creativity and flexibility on all fronts dealing with this transition. There are five pieces: OSCI, police/justice training, USG presence, intel sharing/force protection and high-end services (medical, medivac, Logcap etc.)

He mentioned that there will be a large transition conference next Friday. Amb Jeffrey, General Austin, Deputy Secretary Nides and Pat Kennedy will all be attending. He recommended that I attend as well.

I am available to discuss this all with you in person or over the phone today, this weekend or next week. I am headed to USAID this afternoon for Liberia's strategic review but can be reached on my blackberry

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Thanks, Pat