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**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 18, 2012 12:48 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Fw: Call Summary--Amcit released in Iraq

Funny.

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**From:** Meier, Edward F  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 18, 2012 08:03 AM  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Subject:** Fw: Call Summary--Amcit released in Iraq

Funny. Classic Jim Jeffrey. I'm going to miss him.

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**From:** Jeffrey, James F (Baghdad)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 18, 2012 06:27 AM  
**To:** 'Antony\_J.\_Blinken'; [redacted]; Meier, Edward F; 'PTalwar'; [redacted]; [redacted]; 'gcardno'; [redacted]; 'Samuel\_K\_Parker'; [redacted]; [redacted]; Beecroft, Robert S (Baghdad)  
**Subject:** Re: Call Summary--Amcit released in Iraq

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Cause we are incompetent nincompoops not worthy for the responsibilities our country has placed on us. Probably we should be replaced. Start with me. A better answer is, its a weird country and stuff happens. Jim

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**From:** Blinken, Antony J. [redacted]  
**To:** Jeffrey, James F (Baghdad); Talwar, Puneet [redacted]; Finer, Jonathan J. [redacted]; Parker, Samuel [redacted]; Cardno, Gwendolyn [redacted]; Meier, Edward F [redacted]  
**Sent:** Sun Mar 18 00:16:18 2012  
**Subject:** RE: Call Summary--Amcit released in Iraq

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jeffrey, James F (Baghdad) [JeffreyJF@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 17, 2012 04:14 PM Eastern Standard Time  
**To:** Talwar, Puneet; Finer, Jonathan J.; Blinken, Antony J.; Parker, Samuel; Cardno, Gwendolyn; Meier, Edward F  
**Subject:** Fw: Call Summary--Amcit released in Iraq

OK. What we got. One lucky ducky. Jim

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**From:** Alzayat, Wael N (Baghdad)  
**To:** Sasahara, Karen H; Jeffrey, James F (Baghdad)  
**Cc:** Desrocher, John P; Bodine, Anne C  
**Sent:** Sat Mar 17 23:08:52 2012  
**Subject:** Re: Call Summary--Amcit released in Iraq

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**From:** Sasahara, Karen H  
**To:** Alzayat, Wael N (Baghdad)  
**Cc:** Desrocher, John P; Bodine, Anne C  
**Sent:** Sat Mar 17 23:04:00 2012  
**Subject:** Fw: Call Summary--Amcit released in Iraq

More from Post.

**From:** Brown, Russel J(Baghdad)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 17, 2012 03:53 PM  
**To:** Spande, Jennifer S; Delorey, Alexander P (Baghdad); Hunter, Mark J (Baghdad); Beecroft, Robert S (Baghdad); Anderson, Dale W (Baghdad); Davis, John M (DS); Chalupsky, Steven J; NEA-I-DIR-DL; Leaf, Barbara A; McClellan, Michael W (Baghdad); Lavallee, Michael P; Miller, Bill A; Lamb, Charlene R.; 'starr [redacted]'; '#whsi [redacted]'; 'CA-OCS; [redacted]';

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[redacted]; Burns, Francis B (Baghdad); RSO\_TOC Baghdad (Baghdad);

**Cc:** SES-O  
**Subject:** Re: Call Summary--Amcit released in Iraq

Alcon, Embassy team (Cons, DAO, RSO) confirms identity of the Amcit. There appears to be no/no DoD connection in this case. The AmCit may be retired mil but was in Iraq in a private capacity. There is no privacy act waiver obtained yet. Team is taking Amcit from UN compound to embassy.

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**To:** Brown, Russel J(Baghdad); Delorey, Alexander P (Baghdad); Hunter, Mark J (Baghdad); Beecroft, Robert S (Baghdad); Anderson, Dale W (Baghdad); Davis, John M (DS); Chalupsky, Steven J; NEA-I-DIR-DL; Leaf, Barbara A;

McClellan, Michael W (Baghdad); Lavallee, Michael P; Miller, Bill A; Lamb, Charlene R.; 'starr [redacted]  
'#whsr [redacted] CA-OCS; [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Burns, Francis B (Baghdad); RSO\_TOC Baghdad (Baghdad);  
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**Cc:** SES-O

**Sent:** Sat Mar 17 22:45:05 2012

**Subject:** Call Summary--Amcit released in Iraq

Colleagues—

Please see below for my notes from the two conference calls, at approximately 1240 EDT and 1430 EDT, regarding released American citizen Randy Hultz.

Please reply all with any corrections or updates.

U.S. citizen Randy Michael Hultz (DOB [redacted]) was released today after being held by an Iraqi splinter group for nine months. Hultz worked as a contractor at the Iraqi Ministry of Defense. He is currently at the headquarters of the UN Mission Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), and an Embassy Baghdad team including Diplomatic Security, Consular Affairs, and Defense Attache personnel are on their way to UNAMI. The embassy team will interview Mr. Hultz and determine next steps, likely including transporting Mr. Hultz to another location and, depending on whether he signs a Privacy Act Waiver, notifying next of kin.

State Department Operations Center was notified of the release by UN Under Secretary General for Safety and Security Greg Starr. Starr, who was formerly the Director of the State Department's Diplomatic Security Service, received a phone call from UN Deputy Special Representative for Iraq Gyorgi Busztin. Bustzin reported that the Iraqi Deputy Speaker of Parliament asked to visit UNAMI. When he arrived, he brought Hultz with him. Media report that Hultz was dressed in a military uniform.

The UN reports that Hultz appears emaciated and exhausted, but has no other apparent medical issues or injuries. He has not yet been examined by medical personnel.

The Sadr group has told press that Hultz was turned over as a "goodwill gesture."

**Jennifer Spande**

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