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**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2010 10:09 AM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Fw: Iraq gov. formation status as of 9:30 a.m. EST

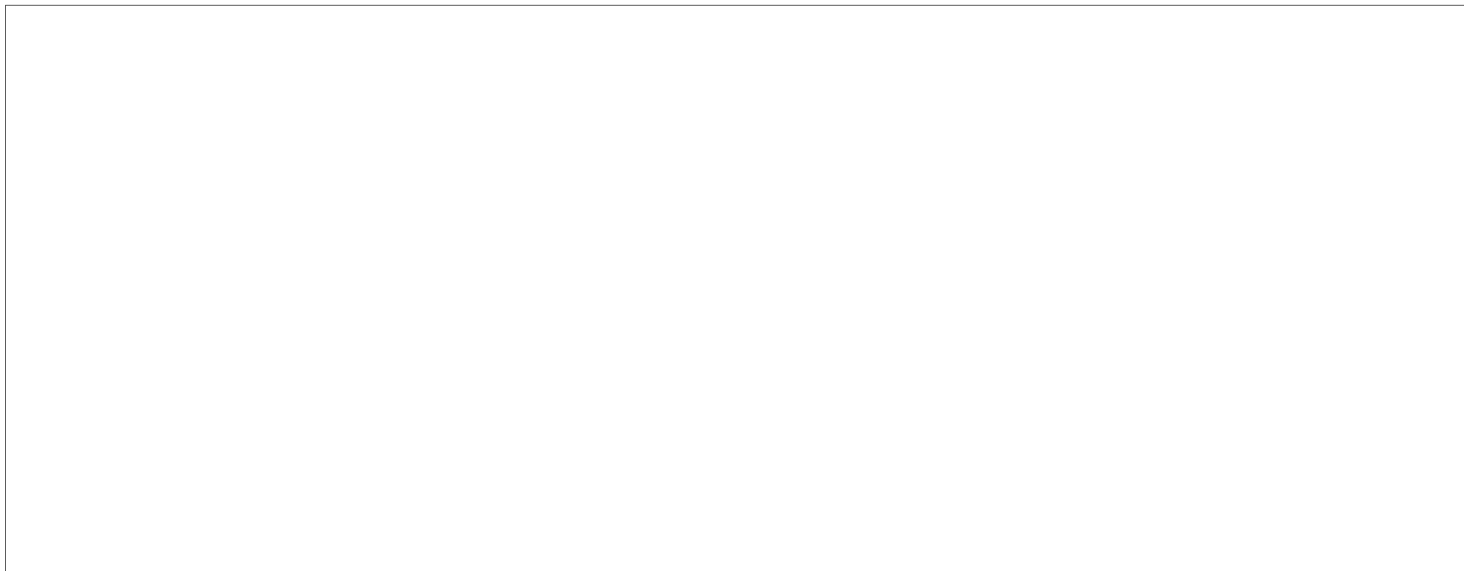
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**From:** Corbin, Michael H  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J; Schrepel, Dawn M; Catalano, Elisa  
**Cc:** Schlicher, Ronald L; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Wells, Alice G  
**Sent:** Mon Nov 08 09:37:48 2010  
**Subject:** Iraq gov. formation status as of 9:30 a.m. EST

Summary of below email chain:

Amb. Jeffrey is seeing various key players to nail down where things stand but believes we face three options:



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Hope this is a useful summary.

Michael

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

From: Jeffrey, James F (Baghdad)

Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 8:36 AM

To: 'McDonough, Denis R.'; McGurk, Brett H (Baghdad); Talwar, Puneet; Marsh, Denise M (Baghdad); Feltman, Jeffrey D; Corbin, Michael H; Jones, Stuart (Baghdad); 'Blinken, Antony J.'; 'Austin, Lloyd J GEN USA USF-I USF-I/Commanding General'; Desrocher, John P; [redacted] Khedery, Ali Z (Baghdad)

Cc: Phee, Mary C.; Spence, Matthew J.; Kenna, Lisa; Mustafa, Herro K.

Subject: RE: KAL still meeting in Erbil

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Here's how things look out here.

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We have heard some rumors that this may have been successful. i.e., that the Sunni majority of Iraqiyya has been bought by some other package and will dump allawi (and the Presidency). On the other hand from Ali Debaggah with Maliki earlier today it sounded like the Turks were encountering hard sledding getting their plan B sold to Maliki.

I will see Allawi and (separately) Issawi and Saleh Mutlaq (!) here tonight, along with Adel Mahdi, and then I will have a better sense of what is going on. Then will see Maliki (in'shallah) and for sure Barzani tomorrow. We will know better at least what is in play and where the fault lines are.

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From: McDonough, Denis R. [redacted]

Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 2:54 PM

To: Jeffrey, James F (Baghdad); McGurk, Brett H (Baghdad); Talwar, Puneet; Marsh, Denise M (Baghdad); Feltman, Jeffrey D; Corbin, Michael H; Jones, Stuart (Baghdad)

Cc: Phee, Mary C.; Spence, Matthew J.; Kenna, Lisa; Mustafa, Herro K.

Subject: RE: KAL still meeting in Erbil

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Thanks, Jim and Brett.

We are trying to close this out now as the P is between meetings in Delhi.

Appreciate all you are doing out there.

God speed,

Denis.

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

From: Jeffrey, James F (Baghdad) [mailto:JeffreyJF@state.gov]  
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 6:41 AM  
To: McGurk, Brett H (Baghdad); McDonough, Denis R.; Talwar, Puneet; Marsh, Denise M (Baghdad); Feltman, Jeffrey D; Corbin, Michael H; Jones, Stuart (Baghdad)  
Cc: Phee, Mary C.; Spence, Matthew J.; Kenna, Lisa; Mustafa, Herro K.  
Subject: Re: KAL still meeting in Erbil

Concur with below. I will see Turks and others incl Allawi later today and Barzani tomorrow.

Jim

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

From: McGurk, Brett H (Baghdad)  
To: 'Denis\_R.\_McDonough' <Denis\_R.\_McDonough>; 'Puneet\_Talwar' <Puneet\_Talwar>; Marsh, Denise M (Baghdad); Jeffrey, James F (Baghdad)  
Cc: 'Mary\_C.\_Phee' <Mary\_C.\_Phee>; 'Matthew\_J.\_Spence' <Matthew\_J.\_Spence>; 'Lisa\_D\_Kenna' <Lisa\_D\_Kenna>; 'Herro\_K.\_Mustafa' <Herro\_K.\_Mustafa>  
Sent: Mon Nov 08 14:09:59 2010  
Subject: Re: KAL still meeting in Erbil

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Denis, AMB Jeffrey is in Baghdad with the CODEL --

The Iraqi leaders are on their way back to Baghdad now and we'll be receiving readouts over the course of the afternoon and evening. Brett

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From: McDonough, Denis R.  
To: Talwar, Puneet; McGurk, Brett H (Baghdad); Marsh, Denise M (Baghdad); Jeffrey, James F (Baghdad)  
Cc: Phee, Mary C.; Spence, Matthew J.; Kenna, Lisa; Mustafa, Herro K.  
Sent: Mon Nov 08 13:41:22 2010  
Subject: Re: KAL still meeting in Erbil

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Jim and Brett,

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Thanks,  
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From: Talwar, Puneet

To: 'McGurkBH@state.gov' <McGurkBH@state.gov>; 'MarshDM@state.gov' <MarshDM@state.gov>; 'JeffreyJF@state.gov' <JeffreyJF@state.gov>

Cc: Phee, Mary C.; Spence, Matthew J.; Kenna, Lisa; Mustafa, Herro K.; McDonough, Denis R.

Sent: Mon Nov 08 05:39:26 2010

Subject: Re: KAL still meeting in Erbil

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From: Talwar, Puneet

To: 'McGurkBH@state.gov' <McGurkBH@state.gov>; 'MarshDM@state.gov' <MarshDM@state.gov>; 'JeffreyJF@state.gov' <JeffreyJF@state.gov>

Cc: Phee, Mary C.; Spence, Matthew J.; Kenna, Lisa; Mustafa, Herro K.

Sent: Mon Nov 08 05:33:09 2010

Subject: Re: KAL still meeting in Erbil

Narrowing the list. [redacted]

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From: McGurk, Brett H (Baghdad) <McGurkBH@state.gov>

To: Phee, Mary C.; Blinken, Antony J.; Jeffrey, James F (Baghdad) <JeffreyJF@state.gov>; Khedery, Ali Z (Baghdad) <khederyaz@state.gov>; Harris, Joshua M (Baghdad) <HarrisJM@state.gov>; Knapper, Marc E (Baghdad) <KnapperME@state.gov>; LoGerfo, Gregory D (Baghdad) <LogerfoGD@state.gov>; [redacted]

[redacted]; Marsh, Denise M (Baghdad) <MarshDM@state.gov>; Tayah, Therese (Baghdad) <TayahT@state.gov>; Donilon, Thomas E.; McDonough, Denis R.

Cc: Feltman, Jeffrey D <FeltmanJD@state.gov>; Corbin, Michael H <CorbinMH@state.gov>; [redacted]

[redacted] Desrocher, John P <desrocherjp@state.gov>; Talwar, Puneet; Mustafa, Herro K.;

lloyd.j.austin [redacted]; Kenna, Lisa; Lawrence.butler [redacted]

[redacted] Baghdad-FO-DL <Baghdad-FO-DL@state.gov>

Sent: Mon Nov 08 02:55:02 2010

Subject: RE: KAL still meeting in Erbil

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All -

Spoke with AMB Jeffrey who asked me to send the following. On the three brackets, no showstoppers -- but our comments follow:



Most importantly, however, time is of the essence so this is entirely your call. These are just our suggestions.

Many thanks,

Brett

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From: Phee, Mary C. [redacted]

Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 6:13 AM

To: McGurk, Brett H (Baghdad); Blinken, Antony J.; Jeffrey, James F (Baghdad); Khedery, Ali Z (Baghdad); Harris, Joshua M (Baghdad); Knapper, Marc E (Baghdad); LoGerfo, Gregory D (Baghdad); [redacted] Marsh, Denise M (Baghdad); Tayah, Therese (Baghdad); Donilon, Thomas E.; McDonough, Denis R.

Cc: Feltman, Jeffrey D; Corbin, Michael H; [redacted] Desrocher, John P; Talwar, Puneet; Mustafa, Herro K.; 'lloyd.j.austin([redacted]); Kenna, Lisa; 'Lawrence.butler([redacted]); Baghdad-FO-DL

Subject: Re: KAL still meeting in Erbil

Tom, Denis -



**Due to the time sensitive nature, I'm copying in Team Baghdad and State and Defense directly.**

**thanks, Molly**

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