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FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

FROM: General James N. Mattis, Commander, United States Central Command

SUBJECT: USF-I End of Mission

Mr. Secretary, Chairman,

1. United States Central Command endorses General Austin's final report as Commander, United States Forces Iraq (USF-I). USF-I achieved all assigned objectives and set the necessary conditions for establishing the Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq (OSC-I). Per the 2008 U.S.-Iraq Security Agreement, on 31 December 2011, all U.S. Forces – with the exception of OSC-I staff and additional Department of Defense personnel supporting the U.S. Mission-Iraq – will have been withdrawn from Iraq's territorial borders. OSC-I is fully integrated into USCENTCOM's regional security cooperation architecture and Iraqi Security Forces retain sole responsibility for providing security.
2. The determination and sacrifice of many thousands of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Coast Guardsmen and United States Government civilians enable a new mission in support of security cooperation and a new future for Iraq. Yet we did not bear the costs of this conflict alone. Iraqi Security Forces, Coalition partners and the Iraqi people made profound sacrifices in pursuit of a free and sovereign Iraq. The dedicated efforts of a multitude of Iraqis, Americans and international partners provide the opportunity for a free and democratic Iraq to begin an enduring cooperative relationship guided by mutual interest and respect as expressed in the U.S.-Iraq Strategic Framework Agreement.
3. With the OSC-I fully operational and under Chief of Mission authority, USCENTCOM hereby assumes administrative control for the organization, with Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, Jr. as my senior officer present in Iraq. I look forward to working with the Government of Iraq and the U.S. Country Team as we forge the new relationship with Iraq in its progress toward stability, self-reliance and integration within the international community.

Attachment:

TAB A: USF-I CDR ltr of 19 DEC 11, USF-I End of Mission

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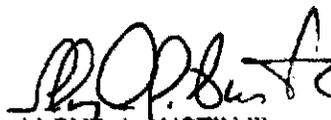
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For Secretary of Defense, 1000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1000

SUBJECT: USF-I Transition Complete

1. It is my honor to report to you that as of 190600 DEC 2011 (Zulu), United States Forces-Iraq (USF-I) has achieved all objectives and set the conditions to end USF-I operations in Iraq consistent with the 2008 Security Agreement between the United States and the Government of Iraq.
2. We have completed the transition of our last base and repostured all USF-I personnel and equipment out of Iraq. The Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq is fully mission capable. The U.S. Embassy-Baghdad has what it needs to succeed. We have released the USF-I reserve and all U.S. Forces in Kuwait are prepared to transition to USCENTCOM control.
3. Our adversaries have been disrupted, allowing the necessary time for U.S. Mission-Iraq to adjust to the reduced footprint. The Iraqi Security Forces have fully retained control of providing internal security. I am confident that the conditions have been set for an enduring relationship with Iraq under the Strategic Framework Agreement.
4. Through the commitment and sacrifice of all those who have served in Iraq and the thousands who have made the ultimate sacrifice, Iraq is now a sovereign nation, free from the bonds of tyranny. Iraq has the opportunity to emerge as a secure and self reliant leader in the region. It is now incumbent upon the people of Iraq to take advantage of this opportunity.
5. We can be proud of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and civilians. They have done a remarkable job and they truly are the next greatest generation. It has been my honor to have led them through these historic times.
6. I will send my final classified assessment by separate correspondence.

Respectfully,

  
LLOYD J. JUSTIN III  
GEN, USA  
Commanding