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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
COMMANDING GENERAL, MULTI-NATIONAL  
FORCES-IRAQ

SUBJECT: Authority to Transfer Property in Iraq

This memorandum responds to your October 20, 2008, memorandum, subject as above, and the Multi-National Forces-Iraq (MNF-I) requests made to me during our recent trip to the USCENTCOM Theater of Operations. You requested an increase in the number of Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) to be considered for property transfers. Specifically, MNF-I requested that the delegated authority to transfer property to closing or transferring FOBs be increased from 79 to a maximum of 417 FOBs.

In response to the request, I hereby extend the authority provided by my prior memoranda for transferring property for up to 79 FOBs to a maximum of 417 FOBs. The increased authority considers forward locations, which were established during the surge period. Included under this distinction are the applicable Contingency Operating Bases, Contingency Operating Sites and Contingency Operating Locations.

In consideration of the operational environment, it has been determined that authorizing the exchange in place of barrier materiel will substantially benefit the U.S. Government in accordance with 40 U.S.C. 704(b)(2)(B). Providing this materiel will foster favorable relations with the Government of Iraq at the federal, provincial and local levels and will enhance personnel protection and aid in personnel survivability of the Iraqi forces after responsibility for the FOBs transfers to them.

To facilitate transfer in place, MNF-I is relieved of detailed accounting of barrier materiel, with two exceptions. First, you will need to prepare a summarized description of the transferred property by location, date and recipient. This policy change recognizes the voluminous quantity of barrier materiel in the theater and the reduced demand for this property in more stable garrison environments. Second, if you are transferring anything requiring demilitarization or trade security controls, you will either need to ensure you have separate authority for doing so - the foreign excess property disposal authorities do not contemplate transfer of such items - or mutilate/demilitarize the item before transfer.



Finally, clarification is provided for wording in Attachment 1 of the memorandum, June 6, 2008, subject: Authority to Transfer U.S. Property in Iraq. The second paragraph of Attachment 1 regarding tiered approval levels under the substantial benefits transfer authority should now read: "The acquisition values specified may be applied to transfers of a single item or multiple items as long as the acquisition value of the total quantity for any inventory line item transferred at any one location at one time does not exceed the values specified above."

All other stipulations contained in my memoranda pertaining to forward operating bases, dated December 2, 2005, March 14, 2006, December 22, 2006, and June 6, 2008, subject as above, and Defense Disposition Manual (DoD 4160.21-M) remain in effect except as modified by this memorandum.

I encourage MNF-I to continue investigating options for transfer of non-excess personal property to support the circumstance cited in your memorandum. My office has emphasized your need for assistance to the Defense Security Cooperation Agency. I also support MNF-I's continued assessment of policy to facilitate theater logistics support. If you have any questions or require additional information, contact Paul Blackwell, on my staff, at (703) 604-0098 ext 202, or Paul.Blackwell@osd.mil.

  
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Attachment:  
As stated