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From: Geisel, Harold W (OIG)
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To: Kennedy, Patrick F
Subject: Big Problems With Baghdad (With However A Good News PS).
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Pat,

I have just heard from Nick Arntson, our AIG for our Middle East Regional Office, that he had a terrible, terrible meeting with Charlie Reese and Kathy. Charlie: "What gives you the legal authority to do a program review?" "Why can't SIGIR do Triple Canopy and Dyncorp audit (SIC, Pat!)." "You can do all this from Washington." He said he was "going to straighten this out with Pat Kennedy." I hope so.

I told you before if we aren't going to be a strong IG, Congress will give us another. E.G. The SASC Counsel just ralsed hell with Tom Burgess telling him that "State OIG has done nothing in Iraq; SIGIR does it all."

Later, Kathy told Nick that if we sent an Inspection Team (requested by Ryan Crocker), its numbers must come down by the number of people doing the NEC audit. Shall I just call off the inspection or shall I call off the audit?

The handful of folks that we plan to have in Iraq is probably lots fewer than Kate and Brian expect us to have.

I am trying to keep a lid on unreasonable expectations and behavior and to keep the numbers down in Iraq. However, the Department committed to have an active State OIG as a quid pro quo for legislation giving us back the lead in Iraq. Please tell Baghdad to stop shooting its friends.

The Good P.S. I have an investigator for up to a two year assignment to Grant Green's team. Ron Militana, the agent that has done much of our first work in Baghdad, has volunteered for the assignment.

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