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TO: Gen. Myers

FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *DR*

SUBJECT: WMD

Please take a look at this material as to what we don't know about WMD. It is big.

Thanks.

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09/05/02 J-2 memo to SecDef, "Status of Iraqi WMD Programs"

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TO: CJCS VCJCS ACJCS DJS

SUBJECT: Status of Iraqi Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Programs

Sir, a couple of weeks ago SECDEF asked me what we don't know (in a percentage) about the Iraqi WMD program. We've struggled to estimate the unknowns, and the attached briefing sums up our best J2 sense. We range from 0% to about 75% knowledge on various aspects of their program. I'd be happy to discuss further if you wish.

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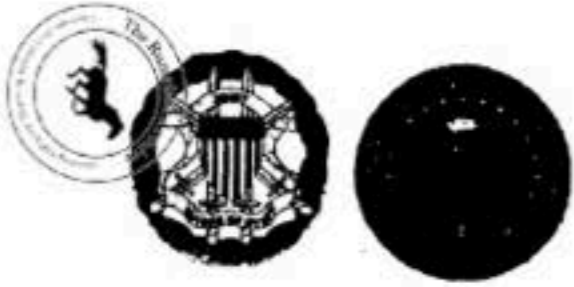
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IRAQ: STATUS OF WMD PROGRAMS

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IRAQ: STATUS OF WMD PROGRAMS

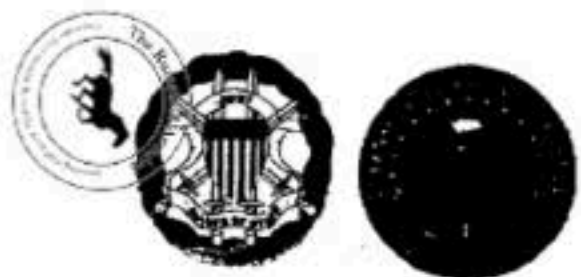
- **We assess Iraq is making significant progress in WMD programs**
- **Our assessments rely heavily on analytic assumptions and judgment rather than hard evidence**
- **The evidentiary base is particularly sparse for Iraqi nuclear programs**
- **Concerted Iraqi CCD&D have effectively negated our view into large parts of their WMD program**

We don't know with any precision how much we don't know

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IRAQ: NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM

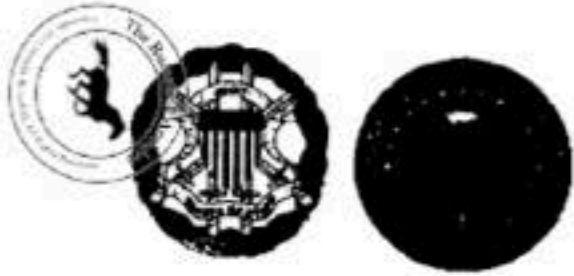
- **We know Iraq has the knowledge needed to build a nuclear weapon without external expertise.**
- **We are certain many of the processes required to produce a weapon are in place**
 - **We think they possess a viable weapon design**
 - **We do not know the status of enrichment capabilities**
 - **We think a centrifuge enrichment program is under development but not yet operational**
- **We do not know if they have purchased, or attempted to purchase, a nuclear weapon**
- **We do not know with confidence the location of any nuclear weapon-related facilities**

Our knowledge of the Iraqi nuclear weapons program is based largely – perhaps 90% -- on analysis of imprecise intelligence

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IRAQ: BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS PROGRAM

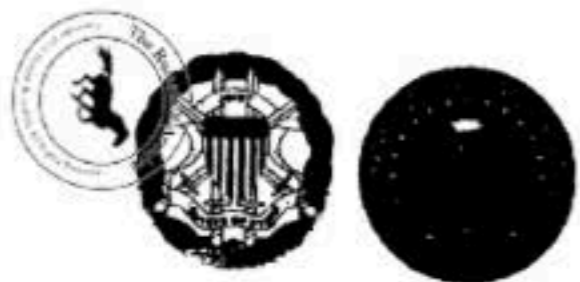
- We know Iraq has the knowledge needed to build biological weapons without external expertise
- We are certain all of the processes required to produce biological weapons are in place
 - We know they have produced anthrax, ricin toxin, botulinum toxin and gas gangrene
- We cannot confirm the identity of any Iraqi facilities that produce, test, fill, or store biological weapons
 - A large number of suspect facilities have been identified that could support R&D/production
 - We believe Iraq has 7 mobile BW agent production plants but cannot locate them

Our knowledge of what biological weapons the Iraqis are able to produce is nearly complete...our knowledge of how and where they are produced is probably up to 90% incomplete

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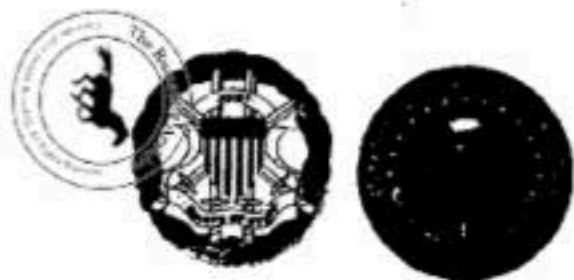
- **We know Iraq has the knowledge needed to build chemical weapons without external expertise**
- **We do not know if all the processes required to produce a weapon are in place**
 - **Demonstrated capability to produce mustard & nerve agents**
 - **Lack the precursors for sustained nerve agent production**
- **We can confirm the identity of facilities producing feedstock chemicals suitable for CW precursors**
- **We cannot confirm the identity of any Iraqi sites that produce final chemical agent**

Our overall knowledge of the Iraqi CW program is primarily limited to infrastructure & doctrine. The specific agent and facility knowledge is 60-70 percent incomplete.

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IRAQ: BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAMS

- **We know Iraq has the knowledge needed to build ballistic missiles without external expertise**
- **We are certain many of the processes required to produce ballistic missiles are in place**
 - **We know they can produce short range ballistic missiles (Al Samoud and Ababil-100)**
 - **We doubt all processes are in place to produce longer range missiles**
- **We can confirm the identity of most facilities that contribute to ballistic missile production or RDT&E**
- **We have good information on general storage at production/assembly sites, but little missile-specific data**

Our knowledge of the Iraqi ballistic missile program is about half complete for the production process but significantly lacking – less than 25 percent – for staging and storage sites

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