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From: Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 26, 2011 4:14 PM
To: H
Subject: Fw: UPDATE

In general, things are remarkably quiet.

Below is latest on Iraq.

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From: Nides, Thomas R
Sent: Monday, December 26, 2011 04:02 PM
To: Sullivan, Jacob J
Subject: Fw: UPDATE

Its like a song "just one more day...."

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From: Jeffrey, James F (Baghdad)
Sent: Monday, December 26, 2011 12:07 PM
To: Nides, Thomas R; Kennedy, Patrick F; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Leaf, Barbara A; Beecroft, Robert S (Baghdad);
[Redacted]; Morris, Anna (Baghdad)
Subject: Re: UPDATE

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[Redacted] So, one day at a time.
Jim

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*** Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld ***

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From: Jeffrey, James F (Baghdad)
To: Nides, Thomas R; Kennedy, Patrick F; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Leaf, Barbara A; Beecroft, Robert S (Baghdad)
Sent: Mon Dec 26 19:10:28 2011
Subject: Re: UPDATE

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*** Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld ***

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

From: Nides, Thomas R
 To: Jeffrey, James F (Baghdad)
 Sent: Mon Dec 26 18:50:34 2011
 Subject: Re: UPDATE

I haven't heard anything more from dod today...have u?

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From: Jeffrey, James F (Baghdad)
 Sent: Monday, December 26, 2011 07:30 AM
 To: Jeffrey, James F (Baghdad); Nides, Thomas R; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Beecroft, Robert S (Baghdad); Morris, Anna
 [redacted] 'Denis_R_McDonough' [redacted]
 [redacted] 'Antony_J_Blinken' [redacted]
 'Jfine' [redacted] 'PTalwar' [redacted]; Leaf, Barbara A;
 Desrocher, John P; Lindwall, David E (Baghdad); 'McDonough, Denis R.' [redacted] Freeman,
 Jeremy B (Baghdad); Harris, Joshua M (Baghdad)
 Subject: UPDATE

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_I called Fayyad, who supposedly is not in Baghdad directly, don't know where.

Fayyad assured me he would discuss the agreements with the PM tonight and would have feedback for me in time for our 1100 meeting tomorrow. I reiterated PM's commitment to get this done asap, and reviewed briefly with him the PM's call.

He also said he thought the Ashraf MOU was a good development and said they would need our help to implement it, which I assured him he had. I pointed out our statement which I am sending to him.

I also urged him to urge the PM to call Nujaifi, pointing out that this was a Sunday call takeaway. He said he would try this evening. (Nujaifi has departed for Suleimaniye so we might have comms difficulties.)

On political front, on bad news front, we have Allawi's spokeswoman, always good for raw meat rhetoric, Maysoun, with the following (She does not necessarily speak for all of Iraqiyya, or even Allawi, but spins everyone up):

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On the political front here is a statement by Allawi's spokeswoman, very fiery, but not necessarily the Iraqiyya (or even Allawi) bottom line:

Maysoun Damluji (Allawi's spokeswoman) gave a press conference yesterday in Amman. Highlights below.

- Iraqiyya has evidence "proving" that Maliki is involved in terrorism, including the assassination of Hadi Mahdi, who was shot in Baghdad on September 8.

- Iraqiya planned to move ahead with a no confidence motion against Maliki because of his unacceptable behavior. The bloc had been in contact with the National Alliance to find an alternative to Maliki.
 - Iraqiya refuses to replace Hashemi or Mutlaq, who received their positions on the basis of political consensus.
 - She called for a committee of political bloc leaders, including representatives from the judiciary, to "review" the charges against Hashemi. Maliki must reverse his decision to remove Mutlaq from his position.
 - Talabani's meeting should focus on establishing real partnership and recommitting to the Erbil Agreements.
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