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Fyi. Nides contemplating asking you to call SecDef. Lots of back-and-forth over scope of exord.

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All- we've analyzed the document and conferred with SD and CJCS. Appreciate the effort of all. The text as far as the Iraqis are willing to go today falls well short of the features we discussed last night. We therefore plan, as discussed, to issue the EXORD at 1500 EST. This order begins a movement of people that is reversible and temporary, as negotiations continue.

Jeh Johnson and Bob Taylor are prepared to explain the legal shortcomings for further negotiation. Jim Miller will choreograph, with JS and CENTCOM and State, the unfolding of this action to mitigate disruption.

Appreciate the continued efforts of all.

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