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Pretty stand-up move.

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From: Richard H.Solomon [redacted]
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Jake: Just a note to say that I truly regret a statement by one of my staff quoted in Sunday's NYTimes that seemed to disparage State personnel deployed in Iraq. I will not elaborate on the (familiar) explanations of "statement out of context," "not what he actually said, or meant" -- even though that is the case. I am writing a note to Ambassador Jim Jeffry expressing regret, and the staffer is writing a personal letter to the Times to set the record straight. Nonetheless, damage done. But I trust the constructive collaboration between USIP's Baghdad office and Jim's mission will continue. If you have any questions or suggestions, please give me a call. Dick Solomon