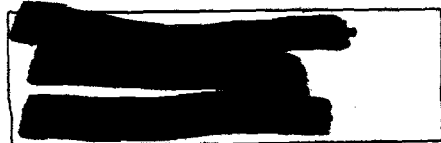


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# Action Plan to Train and Equip the Iraqi Opposition



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## *DoD Opposition Training: What We Have Done*

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- Opposition met 9-10 Aug with VP, Sec State, Sec Def, Deputy DCI, Under Secretaries of State and Defense.
- On 9 Aug 02, Sec Def asked Chairman, JCS for plan to train and employ opposition force by 23 Aug 02.
  - Requested combat as well as combat support options.
- On 9 Aug 02, Sec Def asked Nat'l Security Advisor to schedule discussion of full use of ILA at next Iraq PC.
  - Need:
    - Full \$97 million in draw down.
    - Lethality.
- On 17 Aug 02, opposition received first request for trainees under ILA.
  - DIA ready to start vetting, with FBI and CIA help.
- DoD is assuming sponsorship of Information Collection Program

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## *Opposition Force: Useful Addendum, or a Requirement?*

*We can win the war without any opposition involvement*

**However, the employment of trained opposition forces would:**

- Relieve CENTCOM combat forces of manpower-intensive rear area missions.
- Enhance the opposition's legitimacy.
- Reinforce U.S. theme of Iraqi's freeing themselves with U.S. help, rather than have U.S. appear to be invading Iraq.
  - Important to U.S. information strategy in Iraq, throughout region, in U.S. and elsewhere.



## *Opposition Force: Useful Addendum, or a Requirement?*



### *How the Opposition Could Support CENTCOM*

#### **During the war:**

- Govern and provide security and essential services.
- Secure Lines of Communication
- Sort and guard POW's.
- Assume command of defecting units.
- Maintain liaison with NGO's
- Maintain liaison with coalition forces.
- Advise senior coalition leaders; form Iraq fusion cell.
- Provide interpreters.
- Provide scouts for combat units.
- Contract for indigenous logistics support.

**Estimated force size: 1,500-2,000.**



## *Key Opposition Positions and Units*

- **Senior advisor to combatant commander**  
Leads an Iraqi fusion center  
Provides Iraqi information and views to commander.
- **Liaison officers**  
Assigned to ground forces, brigade and above.  
Report to assigned commander and to Iraqi Senior Advisor.  
Former military preferable.  
Interpreter skills required.
- **Commanders of Defecting Units**  
Move defecting unit to safe location.  
Arrange for water, rations, medical support.  
Former military preferable.



# Key Opposition Positions and Units



## *Civil military operations (CMO) teams*

- Team leader acts as governor, district chief, or mayor.
- The team:
  - encompasses main CMO skills.
  - is ethnically harmonious with governed region.
  - recruits key local providers: power, water, medical, police.
  - prepares to contract for local labor: truck drivers, food distribution.
  - establishes liaison with NGO's.

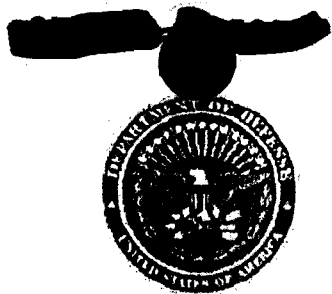




## *Key Opposition Positions and Units*

### *Military police units*

- **Estimate two battalions: commanders and staff.**
- **Unit tasks:**
  - Secure LOC's.
  - Sort and guard POW's.
  - Maintain local order.
  - Vet and command existing police.
  - Investigate war crimes and humanitarian offenses.



# *Key Opposition Positions and Units*

## *Scouts*

- **Iraqis with local area knowledge to assist ground forces.**  
Several for each battalion/cavalry squadron.  
Former military preferable.  
Could also function as interpreters.

## *Interpreters*

One per battalion and higher level unit.  
One per CMO team.  
Ten-person interpreter reserve located at Iraqi fusion center.





## *Opposition Force: Useful Addendum, or a Requirement?*

### *How the Opposition Could Support CENTCOM*

#### **After the war:**

- CMO Teams become temporary local and regional government, aid the transition to democratic government.
- Former officers take charge of training new Iraqi military.  
Supported by MP units, interpreters.
- MP units facilitate opposition and U.S. investigation of regime war crimes and humanitarian offenses.



## *Action Plan: Tasks Underway*

- **Task 1:** Determine functions and size of opposition force.  
**Status:** Underway at CENTCOM.
  
- ✓ **Task 2:** Intelligence support to trainers:
  - Vet trainees for war crimes, anti-Americanism.
  - Recruit trainees as independent information sources.**Status:** USDP has requested DIA plan. DIA ready to start when names are received.
  
- ✓ **Task 3:** Convene meeting of the top five opposition leaders.  
Build unity. If timing is appropriate, ask for volunteers for training.  
**Status:** State and Defense co-hosted meeting 9-10 August

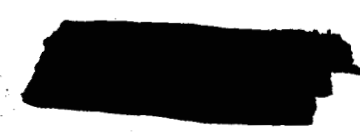


## *Action Plan: Task Requiring Secretary's Approval*

- ✓ **Task 4:** Ask Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, for a plan to train, organize, and equip the Iraqi opposition. This request
- determines and warns the command which will train the Iraqis.
  - formalizes the CENTCOM planning on roles for the opposition.

Drives equipment, duration, and location decisions tuned to operational plan.

**Status:** SecDef has requested plan with options for combat as well as combat support forces. Planning underway.





## *Action Plan: Tasks Requiring Presidential Approval*

- **Task 5:** Authorize full use of the Iraq Liberation Act (ILA) drawdown authority, including lethal training and equipment.
  - Recommend Secretary brief Principals' on DoD's plans to use the opposition.
  - ✓ - Briefing would also seek approval to request Iraqi volunteers, and for a foreign venue for training and equipping if required.

**Status:** Secretary has asked National Security Advisor for Principals' Committee discussion of full use of the ILA's authority. With Secretary's approval, OSD has asked the opposition for volunteers to be trained under the ILA.



# Opposition Training Timeline



<i>Month 0</i>	<i>Month 1</i>	<i>Month 2</i>	<i>Month 3</i>	<i>Month 4</i>	<i>Month 5</i>
Presidential approval of full ILA drawdown and lethality.	Principals approve request for volunteers.	Training, equipping underway	Training, equipping underway.	Equipping complete	Training complete
	Principals approve foreign training location				
	Opposition leaders supply names.				
	Vetting begins.				
	Courses and standards approved				

