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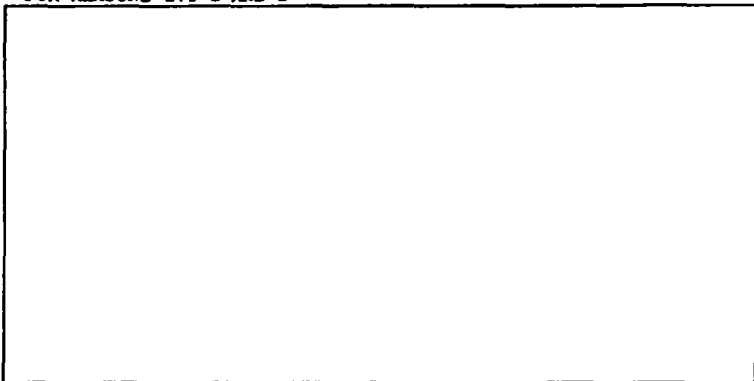
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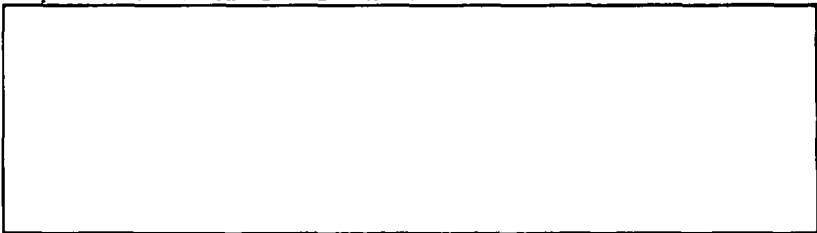
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2. (SBU) Kellenberger and Amb. Moley had agreed that they would meet following Kellenberger's May 7-8 trip to Baghdad so that Kellenberger privately could share his impressions. Prior to the meeting with Ambassador Moley, Kellenberger spoke to the press in Baghdad and Geneva. Kellenberger's main press themes were that there is no current humanitarian emergency; that security, the stabilization of civil administration, and the payment of salaries should be priorities; and that the coalition forces have rights and responsibilities as the occupying powers. In his press interviews, and in his meeting with the Ambassador, Kellenberger spoke of the shock he had felt upon seeing the vindictive destructiveness behind the looting of Al-Rashad Psychiatric Hospital. Kellenberger recalled that he had discussed with ORHA's Jay Garner the problems faced at that facility, where looters continue to return and pilfer any newly delivered relief supplies. The Ambassador undertook to bring to the attention of appropriate U.S. officials the specific situation with Al-Rashad.



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7. (U) Kellenberger made a point of telling the Ambassador that ICRC was highly appreciative of CENTCOM's facilitation of his trip. He recognized that the air route he traveled to Baghdad was still military space and that CENTCOM and specifically RAMC-C had worked hard to enable his plane to fly. He also singled out the military staff at the Baghdad airport, who had been extremely courteous to him and his team.

8. (U) Kellenberger had previously planned to travel to

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Washington the week of May 12. He has now indicated that he can make himself available on any date between May 17 - 26.

in order to try to match schedules with the Secretary and other officials with whom he has requested meetings. This will be Kellenberger's first visit to the U.S. since the Fall of 2001, although he did meet with the Secretary in Davos in February.
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