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**From:** Gorove, Katherine M (SBU)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 07, 2004 5:10 PM  
**To:** Staten, Vernell; Lagon, Mark P; IO-SHA users; DRL-MLA-DL; Legal-L-HRR (SBU)  
**Subject:** RE: time sensitive request: PA Tasking  
 L/HRR will attend. Thank you.

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**From:** Staten, Vernell  
**Sent:** Friday, May 07, 2004 5:04 PM  
**To:** Lagon, Mark P; IO-SHA users; DRL-MLA-DL; Legal-L-HRR (SBU)  
**Subject:** RE: time sensitive request: PA Tasking

Is everyone available at 11:30 on Monday?

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**From:** Lagon, Mark P  
**Sent:** Friday, May 07, 2004 1:57 PM  
**To:** IO-SHA users; DRL-MLA-DL; Legal-L-HRR (SBU); Staten, Vernell  
**Subject:** FW: time sensitive request: PA Tasking  
**Importance:** High

I would like to schedule a meeting of IO/SHA, DRL/MLA, and L/HRR folks between now and early afternoon Tues. to discuss



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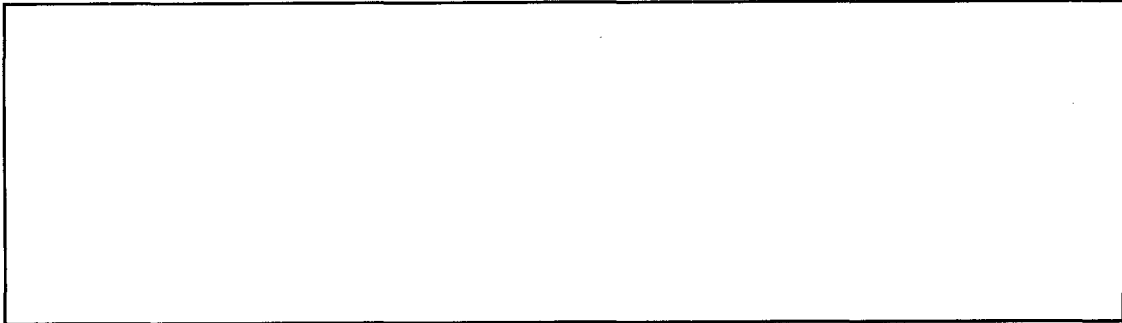
**From:** Harris, Robert K (SBU)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 07, 2004 12:59 PM  
**To:** Legal-All-Deputies (SBU); Legal-L-HRR (SBU); Legal-L-NESA (SBU); Legal-L-PM (SBU); Cummings, Edward R (SBU); Taft IV, William H (SBU)  
**Cc:** Solomon, Steven A; Peay, Michael T; Danies, Joel D; Craner, Lorne W (DRL); Kozak, Michael G (DRL); DRL-MLA-DL; IO-SHA users; Miller, Ronald W; Richard, Elizabeth H; Lagon, Mark P; Jost, Aaron W; Legal-L-UNA (SBU)  
**Subject:** FW: time sensitive request: PA Tasking

The attached e-mail contains the text of a press release issued, as a fait accompli, by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, announcing the May 31, 2004 release of a report on human rights in Iraq. According to the press release, the report will

"look at the period between April 2003 and May 2004, will cover the following subjects:

- the military/security situation, including acts of terrorism,
- the protection of civilians,
- the treatment of persons in detention,
- displacement,
- the situation of women and children,
- freedom of religion or belief,
- other civil and political rights,
- economic, social and cultural rights,
- oversight and accountability and
- human-rights institutions, including the Iraqi Ministry of Human Rights."

This appears to be a personal initiative on the part of Acting High Commissioner



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**From:** Lubetkin, Wendy C(Geneva)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 07, 2004 7:59 AM  
**To:** Starr, Katherine L; Delaurentis, Jeffrey A; Hamill, John D; Perry, June C; Johnson, Thomas A; Butler, Michael A (DRL); Harris, Robert K (SBU); Gorove, Katherine M (SBU); Bhatt, Ajay X (DRL); Slekert, Magda S; Danies, Joel D; Cassel, Lynn L  
**Cc:** Jamison, Jeffrey (DRL)  
**Subject:** RE: time sensitive request: PA Tasking

**You may already have this, but the following press release is on the Homepage of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.**

**UN RIGHTS OFFICE TO PRESENT REPORT  
ON SITUATION IN IRAQ ON 31 MAY**

**6 May 2004**

The United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) will present a report on the human-rights situation in Iraq to the Commission on Human Rights on 31 May 2004. Acting High Commissioner Bertrand Ramcharan had announced the preparation of the report at the closing of this year's Commission session on 23 April.

The report, which will look at the period between April 2003 and May 2004, will cover the following subjects:

- the military/security situation, including acts of terrorism,
- the protection of civilians,
- the treatment of persons in detention,
- displacement,
- the situation of women and children,
- freedom of religion or belief,
- other civil and political rights,
- economic, social and cultural rights,
- oversight and accountability and
- human-rights institutions, including the Iraqi Ministry of Human Rights.

The acting High Commissioner has written to the United States Administrator in Iraq, Ambassador Paul Bremer; to Members of the Iraqi Governing Council, and to the Foreign Ministers of countries participating in the Coalition Forces, asking them to provide him with information they consider relevant to the inquiry.

The acting High Commissioner has also written to concerned international and non-governmental organizations.

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The OHCHR team working on the report plans to visit Amman, Beirut and other neighboring capitals to conduct interviews with persons wishing to provide relevant information.

Should circumstances permit, the acting High Commissioner and members of his team would be ready to visit Baghdad for consultations with Coalition and Iraqi leaders.

The approach being followed in the preparation of this report is similar to that used by the acting High Commissioner in preparing for the Commission on Human Rights reports on the human-rights situations in Liberia and in Darfur, Western Sudan.

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**United States Department of State**

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

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Case No. 200303827 ER2

Mr. Amrit Singh  
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation  
125 Broad Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10004-2400

Dear Mr. Singh:

I refer to our previous correspondence regarding the release of certain Department of State material you had requested under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552) in your letters of October 7, 2003, and May 25, 2004.

The search of the Central Records has been completed, resulting in the retrieval of 79 documents that appear responsive to your request. They have been grouped as Segment ER002. The search in the other files has been completed and we will let you know as the review of the various segments has been accomplished.

After reviewing the documents of Segment ER2, we have determined that 23 may be released in full, 27 may be released with excisions, and 23 may not be released. The released documents are enclosed. A decision on three documents requires interagency or intra-agency coordination. We will inform you when we receive the results of that coordination. Three documents originated with another government agency and have been referred to that agency for review and direct reply to you.

The material in the excised portions of 26 of the documents released in part and in 23 of the documents withheld in full is currently and properly classified under Executive Order 12958 in the interest of national defense or foreign relations. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The material in the excised portions of one of the documents released in part is related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency. As such, it is exempt

from release under subsection (b) (2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Information in the excised portions of two of the documents released in part and in three of the documents withheld in full is exempt from release under subsection (b) (5) of the Freedom of Information Act because it is protected by the deliberative process privilege, attorney client privilege, attorney work product privilege, and/or another privilege incorporated by subsection (b) (5).

The material in the excised portions of seven of the documents released in part and in two of the documents withheld in full is of such a nature that its release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b) (6) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The material in the excised portions of three of the documents released in part and in one of the documents withheld in full is information compiled for law enforcement purposes which, if produced, could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b) (7) (A) of the Freedom of Information Act.

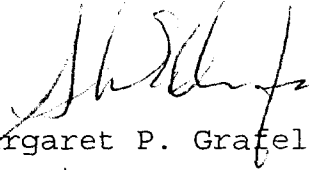
The material in the excised portions of three of the documents released in part and in one of the documents withheld in full is information compiled for law enforcement purposes which, if produced, could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b) (7) (C) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The material in the excised portions of two of the documents released in part is information compiled for law enforcement purposes which, if produced, would disclose techniques and procedures or guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b) (7) (E) of the Freedom of Information Act.

In some cases, two or more exemptions apply to the same document.

In the case of a document released in part, all non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released.

Sincerely,



Margaret P. Grafeld  
Director  
Office of Information Programs  
and Services

Enclosures:  
As stated.