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TO: Gen. Myers

FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *DR*

SUBJECT: WMD

Please take a look at this material as to what we don't know about WMD. It is big.

Thanks.

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09/05/02 J-2 memo to SecDef, "Status of Iraqi WMD Programs"

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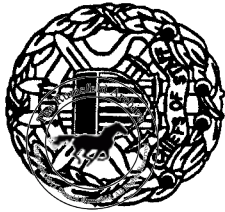


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SUBJECT: Status of Iraqi Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Programs

Sir, a couple of weeks ago SECDEF asked me what we don't know (in a percentage) about the Iraqi WMD program. We've struggled to estimate the unknowns, and the attached briefing sums up our best J2 sense. We range from 0% to about 75% knowledge on various aspects of their program. I'd be happy to discuss further if you wish.

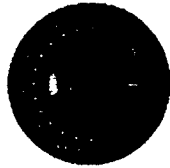
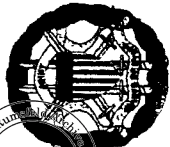
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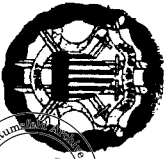
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# **IRAQ: STATUS OF WMD PROGRAMS**

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# **IRAQ: STATUS OF WMD PROGRAMS**

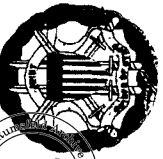
- **We assess Iraq is making significant progress in WMD programs**
- **Our assessments rely heavily on analytic assumptions and judgment rather than hard evidence**
- **The evidentiary base is particularly sparse for Iraqi nuclear programs**
- **Concerted Iraqi CCD&D have effectively negated our view into large parts of their WMD program**

*We don't know with any precision how much we don't know*

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# IRAQ: NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM

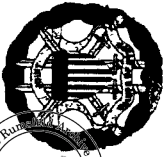
- We know Iraq has the knowledge needed to build a nuclear weapon without external expertise
- We are certain many of the processes required to produce a weapon are in place
  - We think they possess a viable weapon design
  - We do not know the status of enrichment capabilities
    - We think a centrifuge enrichment program is under development but not yet operational
- We do not know if they have purchased, or attempted to purchase, a nuclear weapon
- We do not know with confidence the location of any nuclear weapon-related facilities

*Our knowledge of the Iraqi nuclear weapons program is based largely – perhaps 90% -- on analysis of imprecise intelligence*

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# IRAQ: BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS PROGRAM

- We know Iraq has the knowledge needed to build biological weapons without external expertise
- We are certain all of the processes required to produce biological weapons are in place
  - We know they have produced anthrax, ricin toxin, botulinum toxin and gas gangrene
- We cannot confirm the identity of any Iraqi facilities that produce, test, fill, or store biological weapons
  - A large number of suspect facilities have been identified that could support R&D/production
  - We believe Iraq has 7 mobile BW agent production plants but cannot locate them

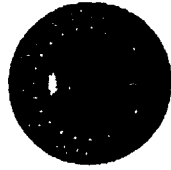
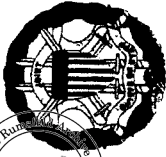
*Our knowledge of what biological weapons the Iraqis are able to produce is nearly complete...our knowledge of how and where they are produced is probably up to 90% incomplete*

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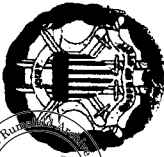
- We know Iraq has the knowledge needed to build chemical weapons without external expertise
- We do not know if all the processes required to produce a weapon are in place
  - Demonstrated capability to produce mustard & nerve agents
  - Lack the precursors for sustained nerve agent production
- We can confirm the identity of facilities producing feedstock chemicals suitable for CW precursors
- We cannot confirm the identity of any Iraqi sites that produce final chemical agent

*Our overall knowledge of the Iraqi CW program is primarily limited to infrastructure & doctrine. The specific agent and facility knowledge is 60-70 percent incomplete.*

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# IRAQ: BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAMS

- We know Iraq has the knowledge needed to build ballistic missiles without external expertise
- We are certain many of the processes required to produce ballistic missiles are in place
  - We know they can produce short range ballistic missiles (Al Samoud and Ababil-100)
  - We doubt all processes are in place to produce longer range missiles
- We can confirm the identity of most facilities that contribute to ballistic missile production or RDT&E
- We have good information on general storage at production/assembly sites, but little missile-specific data

*Our knowledge of the Iraqi ballistic missile program is about half complete for the production process but significantly lacking – less than 25 percent – for staging and storage sites*

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