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TO: Matt Latimer  
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SUBJECT: Statement on Iraq

Let's prepare a statement that says: If the Iraqi people don't stop other Iraqis from destroying infrastructure, preventing the investment in infrastructure, preventing construction and projects to help the Iraqi people; and if the Iraqi people don't provide the intelligence to the Iraqi Security Forces so they can stop terrorists from destroying their country, then they are going to live in a destroyed country.

It's not complicated. It's their country; they are going to have to do it; nobody is going to do it for them. The U.S. cannot do it for them; neither can the Coalition, the UN, or anybody else. They better get about it.

Let's get a speech that shows the efforts and the things that have been destroyed and have a go at it. I will help you with it.

Thanks.

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