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Relevant Extracts of Report from Douglas Brand Chief Police Advisor, Ministry of Interior, Baghdad

General

Against my advice the Senior Advisor has reorganized the police side of the MOI. The oversight of basic police training in Jordan and Iraq is now the responsibility of the American advisor from ICITAP. The Senior Advisor also sought to remove from me the role as Deputy Senior Advisor. As this was not in his gift, it having been conferred by Ambassador Bremer, the decision was reversed following representations from the British Special Representative. As we get closer to July 1st the increasing pressure for 'delivery' on the US side may create other side effects.

Staffing

My first request for the posts below was made on 14th November 2003. Given the extraordinary situations that exist here I urge FCO to expedite this as a matter of utmost importance.

For ease of reference these are:-

A staff office to replace chief Inspector Goudie, who has taken responsibility for the Baghdad Training Academy.

An officer with Special Branch experience for the recently accelerated drive from Washington and London to provide a counter terrorist capability and also to support the police input to the proposed National Security Agency.

An officer/individual with experience of Inspectorate capability to advise the minister on the functions and systems for the office of Inspector General, with particular focus on performance and anti corruption procedures. The last element also features as a Bremer priority in the overall CPA accelerated strategy.