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May 10, 2003

MEMO TO: Jim Haynes

FROM: Paul Bremer <sup>MS/10</sup>

SUBJECT: Proclamation on Dissolved Institutions

Jim,

It is desirable that my arrival in Iraq be marked by clear, public and decisive steps. These should reinforce our overall policy messages and reassure Iraqis that we are determined to extirpate Saddamism.

As you know, Walt Slocombe has suggested that I issue the attached memo upon or immediately after my arrival. Peter McPhearson, at my request, is preparing a similar message concerning the need for central control over financial obligations by Iraqi ministries. I will send it back once received.

At Hume Horan's suggestion, I have deleted the Ministry of Religion from organizations to be dissolved. He states, and I agree, that while no doubt elements of this institution did bad things, we do not want to take any early step which could be misconstrued as being "anti-Islam."

I welcome your views on this message, in particular to assure consistency with our rights as an "occupying power." Also, this could not be issued as drafted until we resolve that I have assumed the role of "Administrator of Coalition Provisional Authority."

You will also see a parallel message under draft addressing overall deBaathification of the civilian sector. That, too, I plan to issue asap.

CC: Paul Wolfowitz, Doug Feith, Gen Franks, Gen Garner, Jaymie Duman,  
Walt Slocombe

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By Order of the Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority:

The following institutions (the "Dissolved Institutions") are hereby dissolved:

- The Ba'ath Party
- The Ministry of Defence
- The Ministry of Military Industrialization
- The Ministry of Information
- The Ministry of Interior
- The Ministry of State for Military Affairs
- The Iraqi Intelligence Service
- The National Security Bureau
- The Directorate of General Security (Amn al-Aam)
- The Directorate of Military Intelligence (Isti Khbarat)
- The Special Security Organization

All entities affiliated with or comprising Saddam Hussein's bodyguards  
To include:

- Muraeiqin (Companions)
- Himaya al Khasa (Special Guard)
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The following military organizations:

- The Republican Guard
- The Special Republican Guard
- The Organization of Military Industrialization
- The Al Quos Force
- Emergency Forces (Quwat al Tawari)

The following paramilitaries:

- Saddam Fedayeen
- Ba'ath Party Militia
- Friends of Saddam
- Saddam's Lion Cubs (Ashbal Saddam)

Other Organizations:

- The Presidential Diwan
- The Presidential Secretariat
- The Revolutionary Command Council
- The National Assembly
- The Youth Organization  
(al-Futuwwah)

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**And all entities and organizations subordinate to the Dissolved Institutions.**

**Additional entities and institutions may be added to this list in the future.**

**All assets, including records and data in whatever form maintained, wherever located, of the Dissolved Institutions are the property of the Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority as Receiver and Trustee. Those assets will be used for the benefit of the Iraqi people by the Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority and transitional interim authorities as they from time to time exist, pending the establishment of full representative self-government by Iraqis of Iraq. In appropriate cases such assets may be transferred to civilian agencies or privatized.**

**The Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority may delegate his powers and responsibilities as Receiver and Trustee to such person or persons, or entity or entities, as he determines appropriate.**

**All employees of the Dissolved Institutions are dismissed effective April 16, 2003.**

**All persons employed, in any capacity or in any form, by the Dissolved Institutions remain subject to the penalties for acts committed during their tenure as such.**

**All military or other ranks granted to employees and functionaries of the Dissolved Institutions by the former Regime are hereby cancelled.**

**All obligations of the Dissolved institutions, including those regarding pensions and other compensation for employees or former employees, including those who were in retired status on April 16, 2003, are suspended. Procedures will be established whereby persons claiming to be the beneficiaries of such obligations may apply for lifting the suspension.**

**Persons in possession of the assets of the Dissolved Institutions shall preserve those assets, promptly inform the Receiver and Trustee, through the local Coalition military or civilian authorities, of the assets in their possession, and immediately turn the assets over to the Receiver and Trustee, as directed by the local Coalition authorities.**

**After the date of this Order, continued possession, or attempts to transfer or to conceal such assets of whatever character, will be subject to arrest and punishment.**

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Persons who provide information to the Coalition authorities relating to the Dissolved Institutions, or their assets or personnel, shall be suitably compensated as the Receiver and Trustee may determine.

The Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority plans to create in the near future a New Iraqi Corps, as the first step in the process of forming a national self-defense capability for a free Iraq. That Corps will be under civilian control, professional, non-political, militarily effective, and representative of all Iraqis. Former employees wishing to be considered for employment by the Receiver and Trustee will be informed of procedures for application.

All provisions of General Franks' Freedom Message to the Iraqi People of 16 April 2003 are reconfirmed and remain in effect.