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Summary:

Iran supports Iraq's economy in the same way that China supports the United States's economy. Everything used or consumed in Iraq comes from Iran. When [Detainee] started realizing that almost every product in Iraq came from Iran, [Detainee] figured out that Iran was fighting the United States by proxy.

People can travel from Iraq to Lebanon through Iran but must have a visa and identification. It is much easier for someone in Lebanon to travel to Iraq through Iran because the marshes are an open border into Iraq. SG in Lebanon goes to Iran for training the same way that SG in Iraq goes to Iran for training. The main center for SG training is in Iran.

Badr Organization used to be a military brigade entirely supported by Iran, to include Iranian weapons, uniforms, supplies, and training. Badr Brigade was trained on Iranian military bases beside the Iranian Army and blended into the military base. No one would have suspected that Badr Brigade was not part of the Iranian military unless they already knew. SG probably trains on military bases with Iranian uniforms and weapons just like Badr Brigade.

Ahwayzi, IR a city in Ahwaz Province, has an Iranian military base. [Detainee] went to this military base when [Detainee] smuggled the first family into Iran in 1999. There are several military bases and many government buildings on the road through Ahwaz Province to Ahwayzi.

Lebanese Hizballah (LH) works politically in Iraq under Badr Organization because LH gets support from Iran. Most political parties currently in Iraq originated from Iran. There is no difference between Badr Organization and Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq (ISCI). ISCI is made of Da'wa Party and Hizballah members. Most people in Iraq like Da'wa Party and Hizballah. Da'wa Party has a very respectable reputation because the party is older and has had many martyrs. Hizballah is a Shi'a Party that was created during the regime of Saddam Hussein. Da'wa Party was created before the Iraq-Iran War. The Tharulah Movement is also an Iranian backed political party. (**Comment:** Tharulah means "God's revenge" in Arabic.)

LH and Iraqi Hizballah (IH) exist because Hizballah was divided into two parties by Iran according to geographic region. Iran also divided the Da'wa Party into

the Iraqi Da'wa Party (IZDP) and Iranian Da'wa Party (IRDP), also according to geography. IH and IZDP are both officially recognized as Iraqi political parties, both parties' goals and motivations support Iran. Iran divided the political parties during the first Iraqi elections because each major political party is given 30 seats in Parliament. Minority parties are given 15 seats in Parliament. As long as each subdivision was still officially recognized as a major political party in Iraq, Iran could stack Parliament with candidates supported by an Iranian agenda. Therefore Iran is running the Iraq government through a majority of seats in Parliament.

The political parties in Iraq used to be militia groups. The militia groups transitioned into political parties by the same name, and ranking members kept their same rank in the new civilian organizations. Badr Organization is the only political party that kept its military extension.

Badr Organization, or ISCI, which are the same party in function, is the most powerful political party in Iraq. Badr Organization controls almost all of the ministries and most government employees. Da'wa Party, led by Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, is part of the 25 percent of the Iraqi government that does not support Iran. Sometimes Nuri al-Maliki is not entirely supportive of Iraqi interests, but he may be responding to the political pressures of a Parliament dominated by Badr Organization.

Iran benefits directly from invading Iraq, and the invasion also serves as a distraction for CF in order for Iran to develop its nuclear weapons program. Iran gains money, oil, an excellent trade relationship, and easier smuggling capabilities as a result of Iran's covert invasion in Iraq. There is a Badr Brigade consisting of three Badr Battalions in Nasiriyah alone, although Badr Organization has military units all over Iraq. The Badr Brigade in Nasiriyah is known as the "Marsh Brigade," whose purpose is to enable smuggling across the Iraq-Iran border from Nasiriyah to Amarah.

Due to the strength of Iranian political influence in Iraq, CF will never be able to improve Iraq unless the current situation changes. The Americans should fake an announcement that the United States is going to close the Iraq-Iran border as a test balloon to see the Iraqi government reaction. CF will very quickly learn where loyalties lie. Americans should also include in the announcement that Iraq is no longer going to maintain trade with Iran. The immediate phone calls and connections that would be made to fight this economic decision would be enormous and immediately identify which members of the Iraqi government are really working for the interests of Iran. This announcement would be big news for Syria, Lebanon, Kuwait, Jordan, Turkey, and Saudi Arabia, any of whom could easily replace Iran as Iraq's major trading partner.

CF should imprison the 75 percent of the Iraqi government who identifies themselves after the fake announcement. However, most of them will return to

Iran on their own because they have more in common with Iran. Iran's first reaction would be to shut down religious travel by Shi'a, to the shrines in Iran. Iraq could issue short term visas, such as for 15 days, in order to allow Shi'a from Iran to visit the Shi'a shrines in Iraq. Short term visas were issued to allow bus tours from Iran to visit the shrines in Iraq under the regime of Saddam Hussein.

The political threat to Iraq is much more dangerous than any physical violence SG is capable of. Whoever controls the Iraqi government controls the power of SG. The Iranian dominated Iraqi Parliament keeps the border to Iran open, in order for SG to easily receive Iranian funding. Badr Organization government employees receive salaries from both the Iraqi and Iranian governments, and, at least in Shatrah, are completely open about their dual sources of income. Badr Organization employees are most likely open about their dual sources of income in other cities in Iraq also.

The Iraqi government controls SG and controls politics by directing SG violence. The Iraqi government can blame the violence on the Sunnis, thus perpetuating the sectarian war in Iraq. An example of this occurred when the two shrines in Samarra were attacked by Sunni. More recent information suggests that Iran was actually responsible for the attack on the shrines. CF is busy attempting to control the sectarian violence in Iraq, while Iran is using the Iraqi people to wage their war against CF using Iranian weapons. Iran fears that CF will invade Iran if Iraq settles down and becomes more stable. CF needs to cut the Iranian influences into Iran to resolve the sectarian war.

There are several non-government organizations (NGO) which are actually fronts for Badr Organization. Al-Tabligh al-Islamic Organization and Shahid al-Mahrab Organization have branches in every province in Iraq. The NGOs are everywhere. ██████ has been the Director of both organizations for four years prior to [Detainee]'s date of capture. ██████ is a well known member of Badr Organization. ██████ is called 'Uday because he is just like 'Uday Hussein, the spoiled son of a dictator. ██████ does not hold any government position. Thriving NGOs exist in poorly funded small towns because they are supported by Badr Organization.

Any social service organization supported by Badr Organization is supported by Iran and largely staffed by women because they are non-threatening. Women have more experience with domestic services and can generate less suspicion while working as spies. Women can more easily smuggle documents, files, and information across the border without being searched. Employees must be qualified and loyal to Iran. The employees are trained in Iran and probably go to the same military bases as SG. The cultural organization employees are, at a minimum, college educated. Most educated women will not take these positions because the positions are dangerous.

The NGOs offer classes on the Shi'a religion and culture. The organizations also offer food, clothing, and medical supplies. The poor are not the main beneficiaries of these NGOs. Anyone who joins the NGO is eligible for benefits, so many people become members. Badr Organization financially supports the NGOs. Each branch manager gets money from the main Badr Organization office, which is located in Baghdad. Badr Organization also provides each branch with vehicles, security, and pays the salaries of all branch employees.