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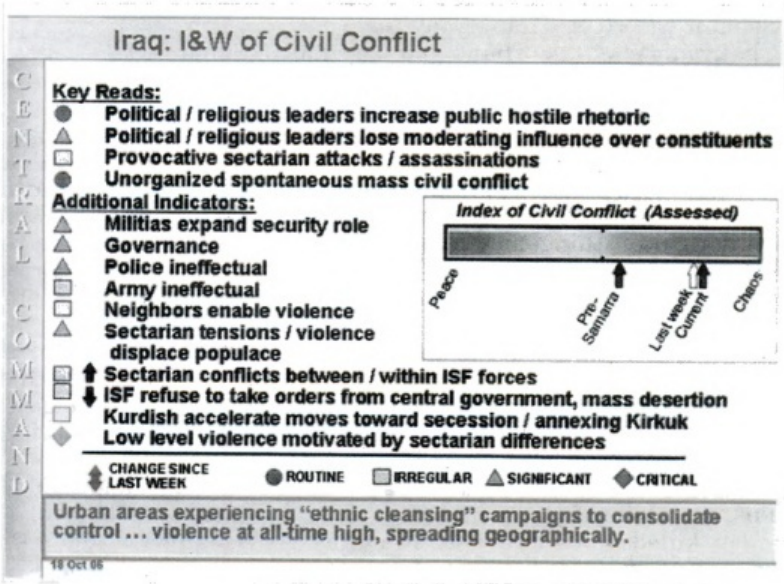

A slide titled "Iraq: Indications and Warnings of Civil Conflict" lists factors that are destabilizing Iraq.

Senator KENNEDY. So when we hear talk about some kind of a phased redeployment that we are going to have a bloodbath, many think there is a bloodbath going on today.

Let me ask you specifically: There were the series of benchmarks which the administration had supported and the Maliki Government had indicated that they support. As a matter of fact, the Maliki Government indicated in their joint press release the Iraqi Government—this is the joint statement of Maliki and the U.S. Ambassador—the Iraqi Government has made clear the issues that must be resolved, with timelines, to take the positive steps for the Iraqi people. That is, sharing the wealth, disbanding the militias, continuing on, which you have outlined here.

Why is it all right for the administration to say, we will take a timeline with regards to what you have to do here, we will take a

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Fallujah. I had occasion to be there three or four times, during all the elections, I might add. When General Madhi was in charge there, a guy, a general who really did not like Americans to start with, until we started, they started their embedded training with the Marines—and you can remember the story, that he said when they rotated them out they all got together and cried. They became very close.

They thought that was a very successful program. Now, that is kind of a model in my mind of embedded training. When you say you might want to increase embedded training, are you talking about increasing the ratio of our troops or coalition troops or increasing the whole numbers to get more embedded training?

General MAPLES. Sir, I believe the proposal is to increase the size and the capability of our military transition teams that are embedded with ISFs. I do believe that that is important to build greater capability for the ISFs in the near-term.

Senator INHOFE. I agree with that. I just returned from my 12th trip to that region and I was in, mostly in Afghanistan during this time, with a rather larger group. As you will recall, General Jones had a group of the private sector over there, and we went to the Provincial Reconstruction Teams to see what the successes are.

General Jones has a way of showing what has happened in Afghanistan. I think that is very good. He uses this chart that hopefully some of our members up here have seen and of course you are very familiar with.

[The information referred to follows:]

Senator INHOFE. His observation is, and I agree, when you look at the tasks—he had counternarcotics—the U.K. was supposed to be doing that—judicial reform, that was Italy with the lead; disarmament, demobilization, reintegration, that was Japan; training

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