

EXHIBIT 1-31

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Message

From: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad) [REDACTED]
Sent: 7/18/2017 12:05:46 PM
To: Schultz, John A [/O=IRMMAIL/OU=Mbx servers - nyc/cn=recipients/cn=jaschult]
Subject: RE: Ordered Removal Proceedings

Your call. Just be warned: the NS cases might cause the Iraqis to balk and cancel last minute. I'd hate to see you lose another charter.

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From: Schultz, John A [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 2:42 PM
To: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad)
Subject: RE: Ordered Removal Proceedings

Will be hard pressed to swap out the NS cases and other than those and the guy that wants to go back al rest are crim

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From: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad) <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tuesday, Jul 18, 2017, 7:40 AM
To: Schultz, John A <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Ordered Removal Proceedings

That does help, actually. If he wants to go back and this is just the easiest, cheapest option for him, we can sell that.

But the other non-crims may raise an issue as well. I think if you can swap them for alternates, especially on this first flight, it makes subsequent flights so much easier. Once we start to institutionalize this program, we will have more latitude. Right now, the goal for us is to regularize these flights. Sending crims will do that.

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From: Schultz, John A [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 1:57 PM
To: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad)
Subject: RE: Ordered Removal Proceedings

The non-crim guy has a passport and from what I recall wants to go back. I believe his family is already there waiting for him. Once the TRO is lifted the quickest way for his return would be via the charter.

I think the commercial itinerary that we had for him routed him through Turkey which necessitates two officers to escort him that far and due to Turkey's country notification process adds 30 days to the removal.

Does that effect the situation at all?

His case sort of floated to the surface because he had wanted to go and was on a commercial flight rather than the first planned charter so it will take some effort on my part to back him off the charter.

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From: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad) <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tuesday, Jul 18, 2017, 6:47 AM
To: Schultz, John A <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Ordered Removal Proceedings

Have you given thought to the compromise? I think we should really accommodate the Iraqis on this. This is a great way to get this program started and moving forward.

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From: Schultz, John A [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 1:36 PM
To: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad)
Subject: RE: Ordered Removal Proceedings

Sure let me see what I can run down- most likely won't need to go via class system but I can send that way if you think I should.

Let me know

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From: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad) <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tuesday, Jul 18, 2017, 5:35 AM
To: Schultz, John A <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Shea, Peter T <[REDACTED]>, Koontz, Bryan K <[REDACTED]>, Pennington, Joseph S <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Ordered Removal Proceedings

John,

The Front Office here would like some clarity on the national security cases. I assumed they are individuals of concern who have other convictions/violations. Could you please confirm.

Thx,

Scott

-----Original Message-----

From: Schultz, John A [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 12:44 AM
To: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad)
Cc: Shea, Peter T; Koontz, Bryan K; Pennington, Joseph S
Subject: RE: Ordered Removal Proceedings

Scott-

The Ambo has advised me that two individuals will be going to AZ tomorrow to conduct "preliminary interviews". I don't expect any TDs to be issued at this time but he indicated this will cut down the time to issue once we are prepared to go wheels up.

Regarding the 5 non-crimis - 4 are national security cases that we have prioritized and only 1 is a run of the mill case.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad) [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 12:46 PM
To: Schultz, John A
Cc: Shea, Peter T; Koontz, Bryan K; Pennington, Joseph S
Subject: Re: Ordered Removal Proceedings

Any way to swap out the five?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Schultz, John A
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 19:38
To: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad)
Cc: Shea, Peter T; Koontz, Bryan K; Pennington, Joseph S
Subject: RE: Ordered Removal Proceedings

Scott-

we are certainly looking to move criminals first but there are some other "non-crimis" who will also be on the first flight. I expect the first flight to be approx. 55 crimis and 5 non-crimis.

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From: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad) [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 5:53 AM

To: Schultz, John A
Cc: Shea, Peter T; Koontz, Bryan K; Pennington, Joseph S
Subject: RE: Ordered Removal Proceedings

Hi John,

Stephanie and I had a good meeting with the Dep Foreign Minister today. He agreed again to instruct the Embassy to start issuing travel docs and to resume flights with 60 deportees.

He explained that he is under pressure from Parliament about some deportees returning who claimed asylum and have other immigration violations. We explained there is not difference and he agreed that legal system is fair and that all have had multiple chances to make their case. It's all about optics.

We told him that roughly 800 of the 1444 have criminal convictions and this is the reason for their ordered departure. For him politically, it would be very helpful if the initial flights contained only deportees with criminal convictions. Since there is no dispute about those with criminal convictions, this would allow the flight process to become routine and then, hopefully, the political issue surrounding the flights simply dies because the process is now normalized.

Is that something you all could accommodate? It would give the GOI necessary political cover and give us what we want with respect to implementing a regular return schedule. It seems win-win and a good way to get this moving forward.

Let me know your thoughts.

Best,

Scott

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From: Schultz, John A [mailto:]
Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2017 6:12 PM
To: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad)
Cc: Shea, Peter T; Koontz, Bryan K; Pennington, Joseph S
Subject: RE: Ordered Removal Proceedings

About 800 had criminal convictions

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Date: Sunday, Jul 16, 2017, 11:06 AM
To: Schultz, John A < >>
Cc: Shea, Peter T < >>, Koontz, Bryan K
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Subject: RE: Ordered Removal Proceedings

Good to know. That is a bit of a sticking point with the GOI. They believe someone ordered removed solely based on an failed asylum claim is somehow different. We are explaining that legally, judicially an ordered removal is an ordered removal - the reason for said removal is irrelevant.

Is it fair to say that most of the 1444 also have other criminal convictions?

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From: Schultz, John A [mailto:]
 Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2017 5:59 PM
 To: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad)
 Cc: Shea, Peter T; Koontz, Bryan K; Pennington, Joseph S
 Subject: RE: Ordered Removal Proceedings

Scott

Technology is blocking my ability to open the extract of the 1400 cases and give you a number of how many but I can assure you that there are failed asylum seekers within the group of final orders.

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From: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad) [mailto:]
 Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2017 10:54 AM
 To: Schultz, John A
 Cc: Shea, Peter T; Koontz, Bryan K; Pennington, Joseph S
 Subject: RE: Ordered Removal Proceedings

Hi John,

This is very helpful. Do we know how many, if any, of the 1444 deportees had asylum claims? This would be very useful in our discussions.

Thx,

Scott

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From: Schultz, John A [mailto:]
 Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2017 5:49 PM
 To: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad)
 Cc: Shea, Peter T; Koontz, Bryan K; Pennington, Joseph S
 Subject: RE: Ordered Removal Proceedings

Hi Scott

What constitutes and Immigration violation?

Any violation of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) and United States Code (USC) Title 8. There are too many violations to list them all but most common are- overstay, illegal entry, conviction of crime which violates status, fraud.

How are Immigration violations adjudicated, is this different than an order of removal based on criminal convictions? Both criminal and non-criminal aliens are essentially processed for removal in the same manner. Either can be ordered removed by an Immigration Judge, the Board of Immigration Appeals, or in certain cases an immigration officer.

An individual can be order removed for whatever reason-Immigration, criminal, whatever. Can you please confirm this? Yes as long as they have violated the immigration law they can be ordered removed.

Per below, there is a separate hearing process for asylum-only cases. What happens during these hearings if asylum is denied? Then

the removal order take effect. Is there a removal order issued as well? Yes Do the subjects have the opportunity to appeal, or self-deport? Yes they can appeal, once they are ordered removed even if they self deport their file will be closed as a removal not a voluntary removal thus barring them from re-entering for most likely 10 years. Any specific info on this would be useful.

The information on EOIR is correct and for the Iraqis probably the most likely avenue to have received a final order.

Let me know if you think it would be helpful for someone from my office to fly to Baghdad and meet with the Iraqi officials as well.

We haven't been contacted by the Embassy regarding the interviews and will follow up with them on Monday.

john

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Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 9:10 AM
To: Schultz, John A
Cc: Shea, Peter T; Koontz, Bryan K; Pennington, Joseph S
Subject: Ordered Removal Proceedings

Hi John,

Our Charge met with the MFA today to talk deportations. The issue of deportations based on criminal convictions as opposed to immigration violations arose. We clearly see no difference between the two; but the Iraqis do. Questions arose in the meeting about what constitutes an immigration violation, as well as how immigration violations are adjudicated and if this is different than an ordered removal based on a criminal conviction. We are under the impression there is no difference. An individual can be ordered removed for whatever reason - immigration, criminal, whatever. Can you please confirm this? As well, any information on what constitutes and immigration violation would be useful.

As well, we would like to lay out the removal process for the GOI, so that they see it is a completely legal and transparent process from start to finish, with sufficient due process. I pulled the following about the EOIR from the DOJ website. Please let me know if this is accurate and up-to-date and usable for this purpose. If not, please provide us with something to use.

The issue of asylees also came up. The GOI is very concerned that individuals who sought asylum are among the deportees and that they are at risk if returned to the Iraq. We believe that there may be some among the deportees who fall into this category; however, they too received a full hearing and had ample opportunity to present their case. Any information you have on this (including how many among the deportees fall into this category) would be very useful. Per below, there is a separate hearing process for asylum-only cases. What happens during these hearings if asylum is denied? Is there a removal order issued as well? Do the subjects have the opportunity to appeal, or self-deport? Any specific info on this would be useful.

In the meeting, the MFA agreed to instruct the Iraqi Embassy to dispatch a consular officer to Mesa to begin documenting the deportees. However, they balked again at the number of deportees, even though previously they suggested 60 as an acceptable number. This is clearly a political issue for them vis-à-vis the optics of so many coming off the plane. Our Charge reinforced our high lever interest and PM's pledge to POTUS.

Best,

Scott

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