



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 304th CIVIL AFFAIRS BRIGADE (AIRBORNE)
CAMP SLAYER IRAQ
APO AE 09342



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MEMORANDUM FOR Record

SUBJECT: Letter of Information regarding the BIAP Convention Center (Formally known as the Old BIAP Terminals)

1. The Coalition Forces have invested millions of dollars to renovate the BIAP Economic Zone to stimulate private investment and international business. This plan called for reconstructing the infrastructure, renovating the Iraqi Airway's old Office Tower, building a new temporary motel, and renovating the old terminals to be used as a convention center. The proximity of the economic zone to the airport encourages business development.
2. Our plan initially was to complete the BIAP Convention Center and make it available for the Iraq Energy EXPO and Conference on October 17, 2008. However, due to delays the contractor will not have the north terminal transformed fully into a usable convention center by October 17th. The US Army CORP of Engineers and the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade have been constantly working the delays and moving the contractor forward. At this time, we feel confident that hall number one will be in a usable condition so that the Oil Expo can be executed on December 5, 2008.
3. The Coalition Forces realizes the importance of the Iraq Oil Expo and the implications the expo has on the local economy of Baghdad. An Oil Expo located at BIAP represents Iraq's open arms to foreign investors, BIAP is returning to International accreditation as an airport, and that Baghdad is reclaiming its glory of yesteryear.
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