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# SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

On January 10, 2007, President George W. Bush announced a “New Way Forward” for Iraq. One part of this new strategy was an increase in the number of U.S. troops in Iraq, a strategy that came to be referred to as “the surge.” The purpose of the surge was to reduce the sectarian violence and to decrease the influence of al Qaeda that had destabilized the security situation in Iraq, especially during 2006. Several reports from the spring of 2007 evaluate the surge strategy. The first major report is the Department of Defense (DoD) report of March 2007: “Measuring Stability and Security in Iraq.” This report describes the plans for the surge such as increasing by 21,500 the number of military personnel in Baghdad, the establishment of forty joint security stations, and the deployment of U.S. Marines to Anbar. DoD updates this report every quarter, and the remainder of the collection includes six other “Measuring Stability and Security in Iraq” reports. The other major series of reports on the surge in U.S. troops are the reports by General David H. Petraeus, Commanding General, Multi-National Force—Iraq. Petraeus’s reports to the U.S. Congress from July 2007, September 2007, and April 2008 are included in this collection. Other reports on the surge include “Strategic Surge in Iraq: Pretense or Plan for Success” (U.S. Army War College, March 2007); “Seven Months into the Surge: What Does it Mean for Iraqis” (U.S. Institute of Peace, September 2007); “Political Progress in Iraq during the Surge” (U.S. Institute of Peace, December 2007); and “Iraq after the Surge: Options and Questions” (U.S. Institute of Peace, April 2008).

Another part of the “New Way Forward” announced in January 2007 involved returning political control to Iraqis and rebuilding the Iraqi security and police forces. Reports on these two topics include “The New Way Forward: Funding Iraq’s Transition to Self-Reliance and Stabilization in the President’s 2007 Supplemental and 2008 Requests” (U.S. Department of State, February 2007); “Reforming the Iraqi Interior Ministry, Police, and Facilities Protection Service” (U.S. Institute of Peace, February 2007); “Development of the Iraqi Police Service” (U.S. House of Representatives, May 2007); “Iraq: Politics Unfrozen, Direction Still Unclear” (U.S. Institute of Peace, January 2008); “Consolidating the Gains, Completing the Transition: Supporting Iraq’s Self-Reliance and Stabilization through the President’s 2008 Supplemental and 2009 Budget Requests” (U.S. Department of State, February 2008); “Securing, Stabilizing, and Rebuilding Iraq Progress Report: Some Gains Made, Updated Strategy Needed” (Government Accountability Office, June 2008 and July 2008).

One of the most comprehensive sets of reports in this collection comprises the reports of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR). SIGIR’s quarterly and semiannual reports cover all topics pertaining to the reconstruction of Iraq: security and law enforcement; democracy and civil society; anticorruption efforts; economic development; and infrastructure, including roads, bridges, buildings, oil, water resources, and sanitation, and transportation and telecommunications. This collection includes nine reports from the SIGIR: January 2007 (575 pages); March 2007 (158 pages); April 2007 (631 pages); July 2007 (749 pages); October 2007 (244 pages); January 2008 (245 pages); April 2008 (252 pages); July 2008 (270 pages); and October 2008 (246 pages).

This collection of Special Studies on the Iraq War consists of 146 reports released by U.S. government agencies and research institutions in 2007 and 2008. For researchers investigating all aspects of the Iraq War during the last two years of the George W. Bush presidency, the documents in this collection of Special Studies will be vital resources in their efforts to understand a controversial and critical international conflict.





# ISSUING AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Following are brief descriptions of federal government agencies, military educational institutions, nongovernmental think tanks, and consulting corporations that issued papers included in this publication.

## **Air University**

Established in 1946, Air University offers courses on air and space power to both enlisted personnel and air force officers. Schools within Air University include the Air War College, Air Command and Staff College, School for Advanced Air and Space Studies, College of Aerospace Doctrine, Research, and Education, and Community College of the Air Forces. Air University students and faculty conduct research on air and space power, as well as on education, leadership, and management. Air University is located at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

## **Army War College**

The mission of the U.S. Army War College (USAWC) is to prepare selected military, civilian, and international leaders to assume strategic responsibilities in military and national security organizations. USAWC programs educate students about the employment of the U.S. Army as part of a unified, joint, or multinational force in support of the national military strategy. USAWC also supports research of operational and strategic issues and conducts outreach programs.

## **Coalition Provisional Authority**

The Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) existed as the transitional government of Iraq between April 21, 2003 and June 28, 2004. The CPA's objectives were to restore security and stability to postwar Iraq, administer reconstruction, facilitate economic recovery and development, and advance efforts to establish democratic governmental institutions. Led by L. Paul "Jerry" Bremer, the CPA controlled the disbursement of funds from the Development Fund for Iraq (DFI) for reconstruction projects. The CPA dissolved after transferring civil authority to the Iraqi Interim Government.

## **Congressional Research Service**

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) is the public policy research arm of the U.S. Congress. Located within the Library of Congress, CRS provides nonpartisan, objective analyses of issues to members of Congress.

## **Department of Defense**

The Department of Defense (DoD) is the federal executive agency responsible for the coordination and supervision of the three branches of the armed services, the army, navy (including U.S. Marine Corps), and air force. Often nicknamed "The Pentagon" after the agency's Arlington, Virginia, headquarters building, DoD is the primary civilian agency concerned with national security and the conduct of military operations. In 1947 the modern DoD was created by combining the departments of war and navy under one secretary of cabinet rank, appointed by the president.

## **Department of State**

Within the executive branch, the State Department is the lead U.S. foreign affairs agency, and the secretary of state is the president's principal foreign policy adviser. The department advances U.S. objectives and worldview through its primary role in developing and implementing the president's foreign policy. The department also supports the foreign affairs activities of other U.S. government entities including the

Commerce Department and Agency for International Development (AID). It also provides an array of important services to U.S. citizens and to foreigners seeking to visit or immigrate to the United States.

### **Executive Office of the President**

Often synonymous with “The White House” because many of its offices and top officials have headquarters at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D. C., the Executive Office of the President (EOP) includes key presidential advisers for both politics and policy and advisory bodies such as the Council of Economic Advisers, the Office of Management and Budget, the U.S. Trade Representatives, the Domestic Policy Council, National Security Council, and the Homeland Security Council. All high-ranking members of the EOP are political appointees who report directly to the president, rather than to an executive branch department and a cabinet secretary.

### **Government Accountability Office (formerly the General Accounting Office)**

The General Accounting Office (GAO) is the investigative arm of Congress and is charged with examining all matters relating to the receipt and disbursement of public funds. The GAO was established by the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921 to independently audit government agencies. Over the years, Congress has expanded the GAO’s audit authority, added new responsibilities and duties, and strengthened GAO’s ability to perform independently. Supporting Congress is the GAO’s fundamental responsibility. In meeting this objective, the GAO performs a variety of services, the most prominent of which are audits and evaluations of government programs and activities. The majority of these reviews are made in response to specific congressional requests. Other assignments are initiated pursuant to standing commitments to congressional committees, and some reviews are specifically required by law. Finally, some assignments are independently undertaken in accordance with the GAO’s basic legislative responsibilities. As of July 7, 2004, GAO’s legal name became the Government Accountability Office to better reflect the modern professional services organization GAO has become.

### **Joint Forces Staff College**

The Joint Forces Staff College (JFSC) is an element of the National Defense University (NDU), the nation’s leading joint professional military education institution. Located in Norfolk, Virginia, JFSC has trained military officers for joint command and staff duties since 1946.

### **National Security Council**

The National Security Council (NSC) is the president’s principal forum for the consideration of foreign policy and national security matters. Established in 1947 and later placed in the Executive Office of the President, the NSC consists of the president, vice president, the president’s assistant for national security affairs, the secretaries of state, defense, and the treasury, and other officials as warranted. Key NSC advisors include the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the director of national intelligence. The NSC is also responsible for the coordination of policy among federal agencies.

### **Naval Postgraduate School**

The Naval Postgraduate School, located in Monterey, California, is an academic institution with an emphasis on study and research programs relevant to the navy’s interests, as well as to the interests of the other arms of the U.S. Department of Defense. Students come from all service branches of the U.S. defense community, as well as from the Coast Guard, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the services of more than twenty-five allied nations. The school provides more than forty programs of study, ranging from the traditional engineering and physical sciences to the rapidly evolving space science programs. Faculty members, the majority of whom are civilians, are drawn from a broad range of educational institutions.

### **Special Inspector General for Iraqi Reconstruction**

The Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraqi Reconstruction (SIGIR) replaced the Office of the Inspector General of the CPA (CPA-IG) upon the transfer of sovereignty to the Iraqi Interim Government and the dissolution of the CPA on June 28, 2004. SIGIR is an interim organization to oversee the use of

funds for reconstruction programs and projects in Iraq. SIGIR conducts audits of contracts, field inspections, and investigations of charges of abuse, waste, and fraud. SIGIR produces a quarterly report to Congress on the state of its activities and its assessments of the progress and management of Iraq's reconstruction.

### **Strategic Studies Institute**

The Strategic Studies Institute (SSI), located in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, traces its origin to the establishment in 1947 of the Advanced Studies Group by General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, then chief of staff. The initial mission of this group was to develop concepts of national security in light of the revolution in warfare brought about with the onset of the atomic age. The group was elevated to the joint level with the creation of the DoD.

When the Army War College was reestablished in 1950, an Advanced Studies Group was chartered to consider strategy and land power. The group evolved into the Advanced Studies and Doctrine Division within the faculty of the college. As part of an army-wide reorganization in 1962, the division became the U.S. Army Combat Development Command Institute of Advanced Studies, addressing strategic questions as well as those of organizing, equipping, and preparing the army to fight. The mission became exclusively strategic in 1971, and the institute received its present name. Reorganization in 1973 brought both the U.S. Army War College and SSI under the deputy chief of staff for operations and plans, and SSI became a War College department. SSI continues to provide an analytical capability within the army to address strategic and other issues to support army participation in national security policy formulation.

### **U.S. Army Command and General Staff College**

The mission of the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) is to educate leaders in the values and practice of the profession of arms, to act as the executive agent for the army's Leader Development Program, to develop doctrine that guides the army, and to promote and support the advancement of military art and science. CGSC training, education, and professional military excellence prepare officers for wartime duties.

### **U.S. House of Representatives**

The U.S. House of Representatives is one of two chambers of the U.S. Congress, the legislative branch of the federal government. Consisting of 435 members elected every two years from districts of roughly proportional size, the House is the body originally intended to represent the people, whereas its congressional counterpart, the Senate, is designed to represent the states. Congressional committees and subcommittees review bills, hold hearings, and conduct oversight and investigations of executive branch agencies and activities. The most powerful constitutional authority held by Congress is the "power of the purse," or control over the appropriations of funds from the federal treasury.

### **U.S. Senate**

The U.S. Senate is one of two chambers of the U.S. Congress, the legislative branch of the federal government. Consisting of two representatives from each state elected every six years, the Senate is designed to represent the interests of the states, whereas its congressional counterpart, the House of Representatives, represents the population. Congressional committees and subcommittees review bills, hold hearings, and conduct oversight and investigations of executive branch agencies and activities. The Senate has significant constitutional responsibilities in the conduct of foreign policy; the body not only must approve presidential appointments for high-ranking positions in the State Department, but it also must approve all treaties. Along with the House, the Senate also controls the "power of the purse," or the appropriations of funds from the federal treasury.



## **SOURCE NOTE**

LexisNexis filmed this microfilm collection from selected reports published by the U.S. Congress, executive branch departments and agencies, U.S. military institutions and advanced training schools, research centers and other organizations that provided research commentary and analyses under contract to the federal government.

## **EDITORIAL NOTE**

This collection consists of studies and reports published between 2007 and 2008. LexisNexis has filmed all documents in their entirety. Any redactions of material have been made by federal government reviewers prior to the release of the documents.

## **COLLECTION-LEVEL TERMS**

The following terms apply to the entire collection and thus do not appear in any of the indexes.

Iraq  
Iraq War  
Middle East



# ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations appear in this guide.

<b>COMPSTAT</b>	Computer statistics
<b>D.C.</b>	District of Columbia
<b>DoD</b>	Department of Defense
<b>IDP</b>	Internally displaced people
<b>IED</b>	Improvised explosive device
<b>ISF</b>	Iraqi Security Forces
<b>NGO</b>	Nongovernmental organization
<b>NYPD</b>	New York Police Department
<b>SIGIR</b>	Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction
<b>SOFA</b>	Status of Forces Agreement
<b>UN</b>	United Nations





# REEL INDEX

The following index is a guide to the documents in *Special Studies: The War in Iraq, 2007–2008*. The four-digit number on the far left is the frame number at which a particular document begins. This number is followed by the document title, the originating institution and author, and the date. Substantive issues are highlighted under the appropriate category. Within each category, items are listed in alphabetical order.

## Reel 1

*Frame No.*

2007

- 0001 Highlights of the Iraq Strategy Review.**  
*National Security Council, Washington, D.C. January 2007. 11pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Military strategy.
- 0012 Iraq's New Political Map.**  
*U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C. Phebe Marr. January 2007. 24pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Political science.
- 0036 Learning from Iraq: Counterinsurgency in American Strategy.**  
*Strategic Studies Institute, Carlisle, Pa. Steven Metz. January 2007. 136pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Counterinsurgency; Military strategy.  
*Geographic Place Names:* United States.
- 0172 Securing, Stabilizing, and Rebuilding Iraq.**  
*General Accounting Office, Washington, D.C. January 9, 2007. 120pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Reconstruction; Security.
- 0292 Securing America's Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options.**  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. January 10, 2007. 821pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Foreign relations.  
*Geographic Place Names:* United States.

## Reel 2

2007 cont.

- 0001 Current Situation in Iraq.**  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. January 12, 2007. 171pp.*
- 0171 The Plight of Iraqi Refugees.**  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. January 16, 2007. 222pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Refugees.
- 0393 Iraq.**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. January 17, 2007. 45pp.*
- 0438 Iraq: Oil-For-Food Program, Illicit Trade, and Investigations.**  
*Congressional Research Service, Washington, D.C. Christopher M. Blanchard and Kenneth Katzman. January 24, 2007. 32pp.*

*Subject Terms:* Crime and criminals; Food supply; Foreign assistance; Foreign trade; Petroleum and petroleum industry.

**0470 Special Inspector General for Iraqi Reconstruction Quarterly and Semiannual Report to Congress.**

*Special Inspector General for Iraqi Reconstruction, Arlington, Va. January 30, 2007. 575pp.*

*Subject Terms:* Congress; Government information and information services; Military personnel; Reconstruction.

## Reel 3

### 2007 cont.

**0001 Examining Recommendations for Improvements to Iraq's Justice System.**

*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. January 31, 2007. 79pp.*

*Subject Terms:* Administration of justice; Government reorganization.

**0079 Civilians Will Make the Difference in Iraq.**

*U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C. Daniel Serwer. February 2007. 3pp.*

*Subject Terms:* Population.

**0082 The Iraq War: Learning from the Past, Adapting to the Present, and Planning for the Future.**

*Strategic Studies Institute, Carlisle, Pa. Thomas R. Mockaitis. February 2007. 71pp.*

*Subject Terms:* History; Planning.

**0153 The New Way Forward: Funding Iraq's Transition to Self-Reliance and Stabilization in the President's 2007 Supplemental and 2008 Requests.**

*U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. February 2007. 16pp.*

*Subject Terms:* Economic development; Government spending; Reconstruction.

**0169 Reforming the Iraqi Interior Ministry, Police, and Facilities Protection Service.**

*U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C. Robert Perito. February 2007. 4pp.*

*Subject Terms:* Democratic reform; Police; Security.

**0173 The Impact of CPA Decisionmaking on Iraq Reconstruction.**

*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. February 6, 2007. 225pp.*

*Subject Terms:* Foreign relations; Reconstruction.

*Organization Names:* Coalition Provisional Authority.

**0398 Iraqi Reconstruction: Reliance on Private Military Contractors and Status Report.**

*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. February 7, 2007. 291pp.*

*Subject Terms:* Government information and information services; Defense contracts and procurement; Reconstruction; Security.

**0688 Iraq Reconstruction: An Overview.**

*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. February 15, 2007. 134pp.*

*Subject Terms:* Reconstruction.

**0821 The Iraqi Police Service and COMPSTAT: Applying the NYPD Crime Control Model to Restore Public Order in Iraq.**

*U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kans. February 27, 2007. 63pp.*

*Subject Terms:* Computers; Crime prevention; Police.

**0884 Iraq Reconstruction: Lessons in Program and Project Management.**

*Special Inspector General for Iraqi Reconstruction, Arlington, Va. March 2007. 158pp.*

*Subject Terms:* Management; Reconstruction.

## Reel 4

### 2007 cont.

- 0001 Provincial Reconstruction Teams in Iraq.**  
*U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C. Robert M. Perito. March 2007. 12pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Reconstruction.
- 0013 Measuring Stability and Security in Iraq.**  
*U.S. Department of Defense, Washington, D.C. March 2, 2007. 47pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Security.
- 0060 Combating War Profiteering: Are We Doing Enough to Investigate and Prosecute Contracting Fraud and Abuse in Iraq?**  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. March 20, 2007. 118pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Defense contracts and procurement; Ethics; Fraud; War crimes.
- 0177 Proposed Legislation on Iraq.**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. March 20, 2007. 74pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Legislation.
- 0251 Can Iraq Pay for Its Own Reconstruction?**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. March 27, 2007. 60pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Government spending; Reconstruction.
- 0311 New Realities in Iraq and Perspectives in the Future.**  
*U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pa. Khaled Aboud. March 30, 2007. 16pp.*
- 0326 Reconciling Counterinsurgency with Civil War: A Strategy for Stabilizing Iraq.**  
*U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pa. Justin Gubler. March 30, 2007. 26pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Civil War; Counterinsurgency; Military strategy.
- 0351 Strategic Surge in Iraq: Pretense or Plan for Success?**  
*U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pa. Justin Gubler. March 30, 2007. 20pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Military strategy.
- 0370 Contracting for the Iraqi Security Forces.**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. April 25, 2007. 150pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Defense contracts and procurement; Foreign military forces; Security.
- 0515 Special Inspector General for Iraqi Reconstruction Quarterly Report to Congress.**  
*Special Inspector General for Iraqi Reconstruction, Arlington, Va. April 30, 2007. 631pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Congress; Military personnel; Reconstruction; Government information and information services.

## Reel 5

### 2007 cont.

- 0001 Fighting the War above Iraq: Employing Space Forces to Defeat an Insurgency.**  
*Air University Press, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. James A. Oldenburg. May 2007. 50pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Insurgency; Space weapons.
- 0051 Economic and Military Support for the U.S. Efforts in Iraq: The Coalition of the Willing, Then and Now.**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. May 9, 2007. 80pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Foreign assistance; Military assistance.  
*Geographic Place Names:* United States.

- 0130 Iraq: Is Reconstruction Failing?**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. May 22, 2007. 64pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Reconstruction.
- 0193 Training of Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and Employment of Transition Teams.**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. May 22, 2007. 47pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Foreign military forces; Government reorganization; Military education and training; National defense.
- 0238 Development of the Iraqi Police Service.**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. May 24, 2007. 79pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Police.
- 0316 Alternative Strategies for Iraq.**  
*Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif. Constantin Adrian Ciolponea and Cristian Angel Iancu. June 2007. 105pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Military strategy.
- 0421 Measuring Stability and Security in Iraq.**  
*U.S. Department of Defense, Washington, D.C. June 7, 2007. 51pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Security.
- 0472 Iraq: Milestones since the Ouster of Saddam Hussein.**  
*Congressional Research Service, Washington, D.C. Hussein D. Hassan. June 19, 2007. 6pp.*  
*Persons as Subjects:* Saddam Hussein.
- 0478 Working in a War Zone: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Civilians Returning from Iraq.**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. June 19, 2007. 52pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Diseases and disorders; Population.
- 0529 Iraq: Is the Escalation Working?**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. June 27, 2007. 92pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Insurgency.
- 0620 Private Security Contractors in Iraq: Background, Legal Status, and Other Issues.**  
*Congressional Research Service, Washington, D.C. Jennifer K. Elsea and Nina M. Serafino. July 11, 2007. 40pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Defense contracts and procurement; History; Security.
- 0660 Initial Benchmark Assessment Report.**  
*U.S. Department of Defense, Washington, D.C. David H. Patraeus. July 12, 2007. 25pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Government information and information services.
- 0685 Iraq: U.S. Military Operations.**  
*Congressional Research Service, Washington, D.C. Steve Bowman. July 15, 2007. 14pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Armed services.  
*Geographic Place Names:* United States.
- 0699 U.S. Policy Options in the Iraq Crisis.**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. July 17, 2007. 52pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Foreign relations; International crises.  
*Geographic Place Names:* United States.
- 0750 Reconstruction in Iraq's Oil Sector: Running on Empty?**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. July 18, 2007. 66pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Petroleum and petroleum industry; Reconstruction.
- 0815 Iraq: An Update from the Field.**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. July 19, 2007. 41pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Government information and information services.
- 0855 Allegations of Waste, Fraud, and Abuse at the New U.S. Embassy in Iraq.**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. July 26, 2007. 173pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Diplomatic and consular service; Ethics; Fraud; Government efficiency.  
*Geographic Place Names:* United States.

## Reel 6

2007 cont.

- 0001 Special Inspector General for Iraqi Reconstruction Quarterly and Semiannual Report to Congress.**  
*Special Inspector General for Iraqi Reconstruction, Arlington, Va. July 30, 2007. 749pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Congress; Military personnel; Reconstruction; Government information and information services.
- 0750 Iraq and the Gulf States: The Balance of Fear.**  
*U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C. Jon B. Alterman. August 2007. 16pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* International relations.  
*Geographic Place Names:* Persian Gulf states.
- 0766 Negotiating in the New Strategic Environment: Lessons from Iraq.**  
*Strategic Studies Institute, Carlisle, Pa. David M. Tressler. August 2007. 123pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* National defense; Negotiations.
- 0889 A Country Divided: The Impact of Fragmented Communities on Iraq's Government.**  
*Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif. Andrew Hubbard. September 2007. 95pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Community development; Minority groups.

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2007 cont.

- 0001 Gaining Control of Iraq's Shadow Economy.**  
*Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif. David S. Ramirez. September 2007. 101pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Economic policy.
- 0102 Iraq: Time for a Change.**  
*U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C. Daniel Serwer. September 2007. 6pp.*
- 0108 Private Military Contractors in Iraq: An Examination of Blackwater's Actions in Fallujah.**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. September 2007. 18pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Defense contracts and procurement; Foreign relations.  
*Geographic Place Names:* Fallujah, Iraq.  
*Organization Names:* Blackwater USA.
- 0126 Iraqi Benchmarks: An Objective Assessment.**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. September 5, 2007. 71pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Government information and information services.
- 0196 Beyond the September Report: What's Next for Iraq?**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. September 6, 2007. 71p.*  
*Subject Terms:* Government information and information services.
- 0267 Findings of the Iraqi Security Forces Independent Assessment Commission.**  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. September 6, 2007. 223pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Foreign relations; Government information and information services; Police; Security.
- 0489 Iraq Benchmarks.**  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. September 7, 2007. 317pp.*
- 0805 Report to Congress on the Situation in Iraq.**  
*U.S. Department of Defense, Washington, D.C. David H. Patraeus. September 10, 2007. 23pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Congress; Government information and information services.

- 0828 Seven Months into the Surge: What Does It Mean for Iraqis?**  
*U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C. Rend Al-Rabim Francke. September 10, 2007. 43pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Insurgency; Population.
- 0871 Iraq: The Crocker-Patraeus Report.**  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. September 11, 2007. 134pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Armed services; Diplomatic and consular service; Government information and information services.  
*Persons as Subjects:* Ryan Crocker; David Patraeus.

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### 2007 cont.

- 0001 Measuring Stability and Security in Iraq.**  
*U.S. Department of Defense, Washington, D.C. September 14, 2007. 56pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Security.
- 0057 Assessment of the Administration's September Report on the Status of U.S. Political and Military Forces in Iraq.**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. September 19, 2007. 35pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* Armed services; Government information and information services; Political science.  
*Geographic Place Names:* United States.
- 0091 Iraqi Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons: A Deepening Humanitarian Crisis?**  
*Congressional Research Service, Washington, D.C. Rhoda Margesson, Jeremy M. Sharp, and Andorra Bruno. October 3, 2007. 21pp.*  
*Subject Terms:* International crises; Refugees.
- 0112 Assessing the State of Iraqi Corruption.**  
*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. October 4, 2007. 146pp.*  
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