



Washington, D.C. 20505

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The Honorable Carl Levin  
Committee on Armed Services  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Levin:

I am responding to your letters of 23 October 2003 and 8 January 2004 regarding declassification of specific information concerning the Intelligence Community's (IC's) sharing of information on Iraqi suspect weapons of mass destruction (WMD) sites with the United Nations (UN) inspectors.

I want to begin by ensuring that there is a mutual understanding of what has been declassified thus far with respect to Iraqi suspect WMD site numbers and the sharing of this information with the UN inspectors.

- o In our 23 May 2003 letter, we provided the number of approximate Iraqi suspect WMD sites identified by Central Intelligence Agency, 550; and, the number of suspect sites where inspectors were more likely to find something than at other sites, 150.
- o In our 11 July 2003 letter, we provided the number of suspect WMD site packages provided to the UN inspectors, 67.  
*In our 9 and 13 May briefings to the SSCI staff, we explained that this number represented the number of site packages shared with the UN inspectors at the IC initiative. The 57 number does not include site packages provided pursuant to UN inspectors' requests.*

Your most recent letters concern three specific requests:

- o The number of high and medium priority sites on the IC's 150-site top suspect site list.

**Answer: High: 37; Medium: 68**

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- o The number of high and medium priority sites where the IC shared information with the UN, including briefing packages.

**Answer: High: 33; Medium: 51**

- o The number of high and medium priority sites where the IC shared briefing packages with the UN.

**Answer: High: 21; Medium: 30**

The 21 high and 30 medium site packages provided to the UN inspectors represent site packages provided at the IC's initiative and pursuant to UN inspectors' requests. The number of high and medium site packages provided to the UN inspectors solely at the IC's initiative are 20 and 25, respectively.

These numbers have been declassified. However, in order to ensure that the numbers are accurately characterized, it is important to reiterate what has been previously provided in earlier correspondence to you regarding the suspect WMD site information shared with the UN inspectors. I specifically call your attention to the Director of Central Intelligence's 11 July 2003 letter, signed by the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, which states;

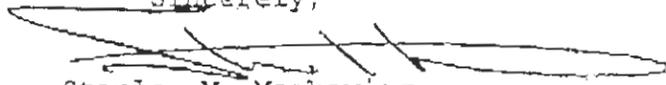
"...CIA provided UNMOVIC with the intelligence that we judged would be fruitful in their search for prohibited material and activities in Iraq. We did not have and we never claimed to have, smoking-gun information that would lead the inspectors to a quick find. We selected the best sites we had that we judged would have the best chance of finding something. It is important to remember that we had given the UN a vast amount of data in the 10-plus years we cooperated with them on inspections, including data on many of the sites long suspected of containing illicit activity. Thus, when inspections resumed last year, we wanted to focus our effort on giving the UN new data that we had not told them previously. We started by considering about 150 sites that seemed promising—we further refined that list because many of these sites were already known to the UN inspectors, had been the subject of previous discussions by CIA and those organizations, and on which we had no new information. By the time inspections stopped, we had developed site packages for 67 sites. These included the sites on which we had the best intelligence—on which we had pertinent and possibly "actionable" information. We would not have helped the UN inspectors by giving them large volumes of data they already had. The UN relied on us to prioritize the information rather than simply to give them everything we had on every possible sites in Iraq."

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We ask that the numbers and text be used in tandem when discussing Iraqi WMD suspect sites and site packages provided to the UN inspectors.

I believe that with this response all your requests for declassification of Iraqi suspect site numbers have been addressed.

Sincerely,



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