

The Ambassador

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Mr. Basel AbuShaban
Baghdad, Iraq

I would like to thank you for your contribution in the effort to bring financial and economic stability to the Iraqi people. I also request that this letter become part of your official records.

You were part of the multi-force team that successfully delivered over 50 tons of new Iraqi dinars, the equivalent of approximately \$263 million, to eight coalition-controlled landing zones around Iraq. During the months of hostilities, local banks had been unable to make payroll or pension distributions to one million Iraqi government workers and pension holders. The deliveries of monies allowed the banks to resume dispensing payrolls and stipends in the areas of Najaf, Karbala, Al-Hillah, Al-Kut, Baquba and many other towns in South Central and Western Iraq. It is worth noting that these services on behalf of the Interim Iraqi Government were accomplished without casualties.

Thank you for your dedication to duty, your professionalism, and your commitment to help rebuild Iraq.

Sincerely,



John D. Negroponte