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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

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TO: Special Agent-In-Charge Miami Field Office
FROM: John Frese - Regional Security Officer *JF*
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SUBJECT: Personnel Evaluation Memorandum for Special Agent Benjamin Wolf
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BACKGROUND – The threats directed against the American community, American and coalition forces by extremely dedicated, well trained and increasingly sophisticated terrorists numbering in the thousands are very real and ever present. Everyday, their brazen attacks are splashed across every TV, newspaper and magazine in the world. No one or place is immune from these deadly attacks, which are growing in number. There is no other Foreign Service post like this in the world. It is unprecedented. It is a war zone. This is the world that Benjamin stepped into when he entered Baghdad.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Ben for not only stepping up to the plate, not once, but twice, when he volunteered to be part of the largest security program at the largest and certainly the most dangerous post in the world. We were lucky to have him as part of the Embassy team, a team with a well deserved reputation for meeting the needs of the Embassy community.

Benjamin Wolf volunteered for two consecutive voluntary tours in Baghdad as a TDY-ARSO from July 25 to October 15, 2004. Upon arrival at post, he was assigned to replace a senior (FS-3) agent working on one of the most visible programs within the Iraq reconstruction effort. Benjamin was tasked with coordinating the complex training efforts to produce capable Iraqi protection details for the Tier I officials while overseeing the current protection details, comprised of U.S. military members. The Tier I officials included the Iraqi Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, President, and two Vice-Presidents. The most important people in the Iraqi Government. Five men who hold the destiny of their country in their hands. Our job was to ensure they were kept alive so they could serve their country during these challenging times.

Through Benjamin's superb efforts, nominees from all Iraqi Ministries and Tier I details have been provided training through the Anti-Terrorism Assistance program. A program with a budget of 36 million dollars. This required liaison work with over 26 Ministries, military personnel and contractors. Benjamin later expanded his role from

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