



MESSAGE FROM THE SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION

I am pleased to submit SIGIR's 36th and penultimate Quarterly Report to the U.S. Congress and the Secretaries of State and Defense.

Much has happened since our last report. The Congress provided SIGIR with funding to complete our investigative work, which we expect to do by September 30, 2013. We issued our final lessons-learned report, *Learning From Iraq*, which provides a complete review of the 10-year rebuilding program. Our audit mission concluded with the production of our final audit. And my investigative team secured 8 more convictions and \$12 million more in financial benefits.

I also completed my 34th trip to Iraq, during which I had numerous meetings with Iraqi and U.S. leadership. Of note, transcripts of two interviews I conducted this quarter—one with Dr. Abdul Basit Turki al-Sae'ed, the President of the Board of Supreme Audit and Acting Governor of the Central Bank of Iraq, and the other with Lieutenant General Robert Caslen, the Chief of the Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq—are in Section 1 of this report. Section 2 provides a thorough review of investigative accomplishments since our last Quarterly Report. Section 3 provides a retrospective on select major SIGIR cases to illustrate the nature of oversight in a war zone.

In early April, I appointed Paul Cooksey as the new Deputy Inspector General for SIGIR, upon the retirement of Glenn Furbish. Glenn served nearly eight years with SIGIR, several of which were spent in Baghdad, always providing outstanding results. I also appointed Linda Fields as SIGIR's new Chief of Staff to help manage our closure and transition plan. Linda has served with SIGIR since 2005.

I thank my SIGIR team, including our 21 investigative and SIGPRO staff in the United States and Iraq, who continue to accomplish our mission with professionalism, productivity, and perseverance.

Respectfully submitted,

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