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Press Statement

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Members of Panel Reviewing State Department's Security Practices in Iraq

Director of Management Policy Ambassador Patrick Kennedy has been tasked by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice with coordinating a distinguished panel of outside experts to review the State Department's security practices in Iraq. The panel is composed of General George Joulwan, Ambassador Stapleton Roy, and Ambassador Eric Boswell. Ambassador Kennedy and Ambassador Boswell will depart for Baghdad this weekend and be joined by the other panel members shortly thereafter.

With respect to the panel's mandate, Secretary Rice said: "My instructions to the panel are simple: their review should be serious, probing, and comprehensive. Once they have established baseline facts, I look forward to hearing their recommendations on how to protect our people while furthering our foreign policy objectives."

General Joulwan currently is President of One Team, Inc. and recently served on the congressionally mandated Iraqi Security Forces Independent Assessment Commission. His distinguished military career includes service as the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe; Commander in Chief of the United States European Command; and as Commander in Chief of the United States Southern Command.

Ambassador Roy currently is the Vice Chairman of Kissinger Associates, Inc., a Director of ConocoPhillips and Freeport-McMoRan Cooper and Gold, and trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He served as U. S. Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Singapore, and Indonesia, as well as Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research.

Ambassador Boswell has extensive experience in security and management positions including Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security, the Assistant Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Security, and service in the United Nations system.

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