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Subject: RE: SOFA, MTA, etc.

(b)(6) Let's go with this, subject to (b)(6) concurrence:

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We have prepared a working draft based upon input from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) regarding the agreement.

However, there are still a couple of major policy issues that need to be resolved.

In specific response to your e-mail, we are consulting with OSD ~~to decide~~ ^{to further work} these matters.

Simultaneously, we are forming a working group to review and revise the working draft agreement. This group will include CJTF-7 and CENTCOM representation.

I will keep you apprised of our progress.

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Greetings from Qatar. I have been directed by GEN Abizaid to get actively involved in the drafting of the agreements that will cover next June and beyond. Please give me an azimuth check on where we are right now and where we are going. I am really only interested in the military piece that impact CENTCOM equities. For starters, there seems to be some confusion as to what is being contemplated - bilateral US/Iraq SOFA? Military Technical Agreement as part of a larger all encompassing Security Agreement? All of the above and more? Please clarify and include me in the drafting/coordinating process.

Thanks

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