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LETTER OF DESIGNATION

TO: Lewis J. Bellardo  
Deputy Archivist of the United States

The CPA has been briefed on the current status of the Archive, as that term is used in the Agreement between the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), effective as of August 20, 2003 (the “Agreement”).

We understand that the NARA, upon the receipt of adequate funds, must continue its work with the Archive pursuant to Sections II and III of the Agreement, including: mold remediation; an assessment of the Archive’s contents and its historical, archival and curatorial importance; a determination of the conservation and reformatting needs of the items within the collection, based on a curatorial/archival and preservation assessment; and, to the extent practicable, temporary exhibition within the United States.

The CPA invites the NARA to draw on such experts as are appropriate or necessary during this process. The CPA also requests that the NARA develop and implement that protocol described in Section II(4) for controlling access to the Archive for the purposes of carrying out the preservation, conservation, and restoration activities.

For the purposes of Sections II(4) and VIII, the CPA hereby designates the Ministry of Culture. As you know, when the Iraqi Interim Government (IIG) assumes full governing responsibility and authority for Iraq, the IIG will have the authority to modify this Designation pursuant to the Agreement.

Ambassador Richard H. Jones  
Deputy Administrator