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**Re: Society of American Archivists and Association of Canadian Archivists
Statement**

In response to the Society of American Archivists and Association of Canadian Archivists (undated) joint release stating that "[t]he records of the government bodies and the Baath Party [in custody of the Iraq Memory Foundation] should be returned to the government of Iraq to be maintained as part of the official records in the National Library and Archives", please be advised that the steps undertaken by the Iraq Memory Foundation with regards to these documents have been reviewed and assessed by the Iraqi government: *the Iraqi government has approved the interim deposit agreement signed by the Iraq Memory Foundation and the Hoover Institution.*

Also, note that the National Library and Archives, over which this Ministry has authority, has not been deemed to be the final repository of the said documents upon their repatriation. In the Accountability and Justice Law of January 14th, 2008, the Iraqi parliament has indicated that "a permanent Iraqi archive will be created" for these documents, in light of their special nature and requirements. The structure, functions, and mandate of this institution remain to be determined.

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