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Dear Mr. Miller,

Thank you so much for your letter of December 14, 2007.

I appreciate your proposal for joint ownership of Iraq's petroleum resources among Iraqi citizens. The necessary agreement and reconciliation among Iraq's ethnic and religious factions seem to be occurring, though at a pace slower than most would like. For example, Iraq's parliament last week passed critical legislation allowing lower-level ex-Baathists to participate in government.

When it comes to political and economic future of Iraq, it has been my view that it is best to let Iraqis decide Iraqi policy. Iraqi compromises and solutions, even if imperfect from a U.S. perspective, are more likely to succeed in the long-term. As a result, Iraq's government will be less dependent on U.S. assistance and more legitimate in the eyes of its citizens.