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Mr. Rex Tillerson
Secretary of State
United States Department of State
Harry S. Truman Building
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Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Tillerson:

Congratulations on your immensely important appointment at this critical moment in our nation's history and thank you for your willingness to serve.

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I am writing to request a 20 minute introductory meeting next week in Washington on either February 15th, 16th or 17th for Dr. Naufel Alhassan, Prime Minister Abadi's Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Political Advisor. Brett McGurk, your Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, knows Dr. Naufel well and can confirm the central role he plays advising Prime Minister Abadi.


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US Senate
Hart Senate Office Building, SH-728
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Michael R. Pence
Vice President of the United States
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Vice President Pence:

It was good to see you and Karen at Bob's house on Saturday. Sorry we did not have time for more of a visit.

My firm, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, is now representing the Republic of Iraq and working directly with Prime Minister Abadi's office and his Chief of Staff/Senior Political Advisor, Dr. Naufel, who I understand you will be meeting with this Saturday at the Munich Security Conference.

The Prime Minister has sent Dr. Naufel to DC this week to try and meet with you and Colonel Thompson in advance of the Munich meetings and as a follow-up from the call between President Trump and Prime Minister Abadi.

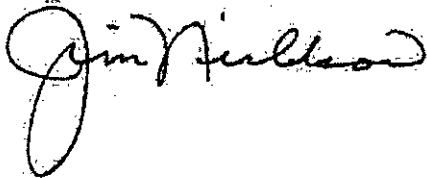
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1000 Defense Pentagon
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General Michael T. Flynn
Assistant to the President
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Washington, DC 20528
cc: Joel Rayburn

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