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His Excellency John Negroponte
Ambassador of the United States of America
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I know that you share my personal pride over the resounding success of Iraq's first ever truly democratic elections last Sunday. Iraq could not have done this alone.

The role of the United States military and her allies is well-known. They once again played a proud and central role on Sunday, and I have written to General Casey to thank him. But I would equally like to put on record my thanks and admiration for all your support, and that of many hundreds of civilians – both in your Embassy here in Baghdad and back in the United States – who have helped Iraq since liberation.

Their commitment and dedication to this country has been not just a help but also an inspiration to many Iraqis, as we have struggled to recover from decades of tyranny and mismanagement. There are few in the Iraqi Government who have not been helped directly or indirectly by someone from your Embassy or that of your close allies.

As I say, we could not have done it alone. On behalf of the Iraqi people, please pass on my thanks to all those hundreds of brave men and women who have lived through these difficult times to help my country. We are hugely grateful.



Ayad H. Allawi
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