



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF TALL'AFAR



In the Name of Allah, The Merciful God.

Your Excellency, General Casey, the Respectful,

By my name and on behalf of the Tall'afar people, I am hereby forwarding to you my heart felt gratitude and blessings, wishing you health, progress and promotion in your career. Dear General Casey, I don't need to explain to you the condition of my city since you have full knowledge of our suffering better than any other dignitary in our dear Iraq. By this letter, I wish to bring to your attention the dear position you occupy in the hearts of the Tall'afar people, which all words fall short of explaining.

Dear General, our city was overrun by heartless terrorists, Abu Mus'ab Al Zarkawi and his followers who unloaded their blood thirsty and voracious action of evil on this city for several months by indiscriminately killing men, women and children. At that time Tall'afar days were all dark. I have seen by my own eyes, fathers holding their sons bleeding to death from injuries inflicted while we could do nothing to help as there was not a drop of life saving blood to be found in the whole city. Tall'afar was a human slaughter house. Simple public services were not possible causing the people to suffer, till the day you dispatched your troops who were our lionhearted saviors.

Yes, our situation was that till the 3rd ACR came to rescue Tall'afar led by our heroes, whom Tall'afar will never forget, COL McMaster, COL Armstrong, LTC Hickey and the unique selection of amazing officers and soldiers. As the Iraqi Army, Iraqi Police and the good people of Tall'afar cooperated with the U.S. Army in a united force operating in harmony as never before seen on any battlefield. This harmony cleansed our city of the savage bastards, by killing 150 and capturing 600 terrorists. What is forefront in the memories of the people is the minimal loss of innocent civilians in this battle, and property damaged that is not worth mentioning. After the major operation your wonderful soldiers started nursing the wounds of this city by rebuilding the damaged lives and buildings with great compassion and all speed.

After we have been through this experience, our people love and know these wonderful soldiers by name. Children call from the alleyways and corners McMaster, Hickey, Sapp, Simmering, Ortego, Muramoto and many other officers and soldiers that they have personally come to know. I am by this letter requesting you to allow the soldiers of 3rd ACR to remain here in Tall'afar till our city fully recovers. This team is like a doctor who performs a surgical operation on a patient in serious condition, seeing the patient through full recovery. The citizens feel that it is not fair that the very doctor that has performed this successful surgery should turn and walk away from them before they have fully recovered. Those same warriors that saved this city have yet to put the Sabre back into their scabbards.

Again, on behalf of the citizens, I am requesting that your kind heart allows the 3rd ACR to remain with us. These wonder soldiers have done more than what their original mission required of them. It is this very reason that we ask that they stay. Your good heart and generosity has created desire to see them stay among us which we hope is possible.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, our hero, General Casey,



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