

"Allegations of Waste, Fraud, and Abuse at the New U.S. Embassy in Iraq"

On July 27, 2007, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a joint hearing to examine the performance of the State Department and its contractors in the construction of the \$600 million U.S. embassy in Baghdad.

WITNESS LIST:

Panel I

- Mr. Karl Demming, Engineering and Construction Manager, KBR
- Mr. Wadih El Absi, Managing Director, First Kuwaiti Trading and Contracting Company

Panel II

- Mr. John Owens, Former Employee, First Kuwaiti Trading and Contracting Company
- Mr. Rory Mayberry, Former Employee, First Kuwaiti Trading and Contracting Company

Panel III

- Major General Charles E. Williams (Ret.), Director, Office of Overseas Building Operations, U.S. Department of State
- Mr. William Moser, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisitions, U.S. Department of State
- The Honorable Patrick Kennedy, Director, Office of Management Policy, U.S. Department of State
- Mr. Howard J. Krongard, Inspector General, U.S. Department of State

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