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Information Brief

“On Point II: Transition to the New Campaign”

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On Point II

What: History of the US Army in OIF, May 2003 to Jan 2005

Who: Combat Studies Institute, at the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, KS

When: 30 June 2008

Why:

1. CAC lessons learned & leader development missions
2. Tell the Army story
3. Follows the 2004 book, *On Point*

Next: Vol. 1 of OEF series and *On Point III* in 2009



***On Point II* Timeline**

- Oct 05: TRADOC directs CSI to write Army the GWOT history series
- Dec 06: Review of first draft of *OP II* completed
- Feb–Aug 07: DAS, OTJAG & CSA reviews completed
- Nov 07: CSA interviewed for the book
- Jan 08: OCPA / DOD security review completed
- Apr 08: CSA review completed
- Apr 08: GEN Wallace approved publication
- 30 June 08: release date



Research / Writing Process

- 11 person team of military, civilian, and contractors
- Traditional Academic Research Methods
 - Primary Source Documents
 - 200+ oral history interviews at all levels / ranks
 - Limited Secondary sources
- Three Tiered Review Process
 - Participants, SMEs, Army and civilian historians
 - Key commanders / commands
 - Selected DA Staff Reviews – CSA, DAS, OCPA, G2, OTJAG



On Point II Structure

- Foreword by GEN Wallace
- Introduction & Prologue
- Part I: Setting the Stage
- Part II: Transition to the New Campaign
- Part III: Toward the Objective - Building a New Iraq
- Part IV: Sustaining the Campaign
- Implications



On Point II Key Issues

1. Inadequate Phase IV Planning
 - “Regime removal” vs “regime change”
2. Unity of command and unity of effort
3. CJTF-7 as the senior military command
4. Intelligence and detainee operations
5. Building the Iraqi Security Forces
6. Army reinvents itself during this 18 months
7. Soldiers display determination, ingenuity, courage and compassion