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Dear Jonnie & Brookie,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, on behalf of myself, my soldiers and children of zones here in Baghdad for your time and effort in supporting our program to provide school and other supplies to the children of Iraq. Your donation, along with the donations of thousands of other Americans has contributed significantly to the process of rebuilding Iraq and the strengthening of our nation's security.

Today more than 750 cavalry soldiers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Cavalry 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, along with thousands of other soldiers from other units are fighting and succeeding at ending the reign of terror of a fallen regime. The task is not easy, and our soldiers face new and dangerous challenges everyday. Our soldiers have and continue to put in long hours in an effort to make a difference, and with your help the tide is beginning to turn. Our long-term success will depend upon our ability to convince the people of Iraq of the compassion, generosity and sincere intentions of the American people.

Your contribution, in the care of this unit has been delivered directly to the children in the Al Furat, Al Jihad and Al Schweb neighborhoods of Baghdad. With the help of your donations, we have been able to reach out directly to the children and families of these neighborhoods who so desperately need our help.

One of our generous contributors has created a website in support of our cause (<http://iraqischools.com>) to which your name has been added as a small gesture of appreciation for assisting the Iraqi children.

Our soldiers remain strong and committed to the mission of ensuring the people of Iraq a bright, secure and prosperous future. There is nothing more impressive or inspiring than an American soldier, far from home fighting for what he or she believes in. You would be proud of all of them. Your donation to this program reminds all of us of the American support for our cause. We will not let you down. Thank you for your generous gift and continued support.

Sincerely,

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MAJOR, ARMOR  
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