



Background

How we got here...

- **POTUS / SECDEF directed effort; limited to a very small group**
- **Guidance:**
 - **Develop credible options to solve Iraq problem -- not the same as Afghanistan or Operation Desert Storm**
 - **Integrate / consider all elements of national power**
- **Thinking “outside the box”, but “inside a compartment”**
 - **Slices**
 - **Lines of Operation**
- **Military options developed...**
 - **“Generated Start” --- surprise, speed, shock & awe**
 - **“Running Start” -- respond to an Iraqi action initially... continue into war**
 - **Blue - White - Red -- revised “family of contingency plans”**

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