IRAQ’S HIDDEN WEAPONS:
Failing to Disclose and Disarm

The United Nations Security Council Resolution 1441 set two tests for Saddam Hussein: to fully disclose his weapons of mass destruction and to immediately, unconditionally, and actively cooperate with United Nations (UN) inspectors. Saddam’s regime failed both. He did not file a full, complete, and accurate declaration of his weapons to the UN and has not cooperated fully with UN inspections. He has not complied with Resolution 1441 which offered him a final opportunity to disarm peacefully. It is time for the UN Security Council to step up to its responsibilities and uphold Resolution 1441.

IRAQ’S WEAPONS ROSTER—A SAMPLING

Biological Weapons
Iraq has done research on a multitude of lethal biological agents—anthrax, botulinum toxin, aflatoxin, ricin, as well as the agents that cause gas gangrene, plague, typhus, tetanus, cholera, camelpox and hemorrhagic fever. UN inspectors reported that Iraq has failed to fully disclose the scope and nature of its biological weapons program. Multiple sources confirm the existence of mobile units producing biological weapons, which Iraq denies.

- Anthrax – Iraq declared producing nearly 8,500 liters but denied its ability to produce dry agent. UN inspectors believe Iraq may have produced 26,000 liters and can produce dry agent.
- Botulinum toxin – Iraq declared 19,000 liters. The UN believes it could have produced more than double that amount.

Chemical Weapons
VX Nerve Gas – The UN concluded that Iraq had not accounted for 1.5 tons of the VX agent. Just one drop is enough to kill a person.

Chemical and Biological Weapons Delivery Systems
UNMOVIC has reported that Iraq failed to provide evidence to account for 1,000 tons of mustard gas, 550 mustard gas-filled munitions, and hundreds of biological weapons-capable aerial bombs. Iraq has denied any connection between its Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) Programs and chemical or biological agent dispersal, despite a previous admission and has failed to turn over all of its UAVs to the UN. From a truck in Iraq, its small UAVs can reach Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, or Israel. From a ship, one can reach New York, Paris, London, Berlin, or Beijing.

Nuclear Development
Iraq has repeatedly sought to illegally procure aluminum tubes controlled by the Nuclear Suppliers Group, that are consistent with its pre-Gulf War design to enrich uranium.

Ballistic Missiles
Iraq admitted that multiple test flights of the al-Samoud 2 and al-Fat’h Ballistic Missiles exceeded the 150 kilometer limit set by the UN, but falsely declared that these missile systems comply with UN requirements. UNMOVIC declared al-Samoud 2 prohibited and should be destroyed.