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Top Republicans Say We're Losing in Iraq

by Michael in New York on 9/15/2004 02:18:00 PM

The Bush administration has spent a pitiful \$1 billion out of the \$18 billion set aside for desperately needed reconstruction in Iraq. Now it wants Congress to approve shifting more than \$3 billion of that towards security measures.

Top Republicans - like Senators Richard Lugar of Indiana and Chuck Hagel of Nebraska -- are pointing out the obvious: that this is a sign of a failed policy in Iraq. We're going nowhere fast.

[Senator Chuck Hagel (R-NE)] said the State Department request was "a clear acknowledgment that we are not holding ourselves hostage to some grand illusion that we're winning."

Mr. Hagel went on to say that the request for reprogramming the money "does not add up, in my opinion, to a pretty picture, to a picture that shows that we're winning. But it does add up to this, an acknowledgment that we are in deep trouble."



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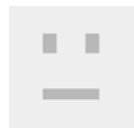
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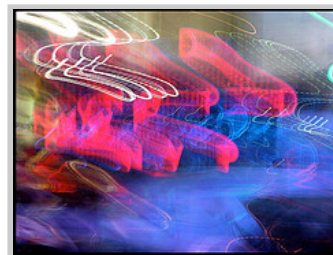
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