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U.S. Embassy Spokesman Denies U.S. Favors Any Candidates or Coalitions

The Spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Philip Frayne, today denied reports recently appearing in the Iraqi media that the United States is supporting a particular candidate to form a new government.

“We’ve seen the recent reports and statements in the Iraqi media claiming the United States supports a particular candidate or coalition to form a new government. I’d like to state very clearly that we do not support any candidate or coalition. Statements claiming the contrary are without foundation,” Frayne said. He added: “The Iraqi people voted in a free election March 7, and it is up to Iraqi parties to form their new government. The United States is prepared to work with any new government that is formed.”