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Redefining Success In Iraq

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I posted yesterday about the Army's recruitment shortfall and how a top US general said **we could begin a pullout in spring of 2006**. And what conditions did that general call for before we begin pulling up stakes and heading home? How did that general (re)define success in Iraq?

Speaking earlier with U.S. reporters traveling with Rumsfeld, Gen. George Casey, the top American commander in Iraq, said he believed a U.S. troop withdrawal could begin by spring 2006 if progress continues on the political front and **if the insurgency does not expand**.

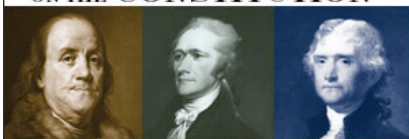
So the insurgency is stronger than ever, killing more people this year than it did last year, **killing foreign diplomats with impunity**, and generally things have gone to hell in a handbasket in the two years since Bush trumpeted "Mission Accomplished." And now we're saying, well, as long as IT DOESN'T GET ANY WORSE, our job is done? Talk about moving the goalposts.



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