

Table 17.3 Summary of Iraq's Biological Program

Prewar Concerns	Pre-2002 Intelligence Assessments	October 2002 NIE Assessment	UN Findings 2002-2003	Administration Statements	Evidence Since March 2003
Iraq had current biological weapon stockpiles.	Not sure. “We are concerned that Iraq may again be producing BW agents.”	Yes. “High confidence” that Iraq had biological weapons.	Not sure. Inspectors did not find evidence of any BW agents or biological weapons.	Yes. Bush: Iraq had “a massive stockpile of biological weapons that has never been accounted for, and capable of killing millions.”	No. No weaponized biological agents found. Senate: NIE “overstated” facts and “did not explain uncertainties.”
Iraq had reconstituted its biological weapon program.	Yes. December 2001 report: “Baghdad continued to pursue a BW program.”	Yes. Iraq had an active bioweapons program that was larger than before 1991.	Not sure. Inspections did not reveal evidence of a continued BW program, but Iraq did not prove it had destroyed BW agents.	Yes. Bush: “Right now, Iraq is expanding and improving facilities that were used for the production of biological weapons.”	No. Duelfer: “No direct evidence that Iraq, after 1996, had plans for a new BW program.” Senate: NIE “overstated” evidence.
Iraq possessed at least seven mobile biological weapon laboratories.	No comment. No pre-2002 report mentions mobile biological laboratories.	Yes. Iraq had an unspecified number of mobile laboratories.	Not sure. UNMOVIC did not find any mobile weapon facilities.	Yes. Powell: “We know that Iraq has at least seven of these mobile biological agents factories.”	No. Two vans found. DIA: most likely for producing hydrogen weather balloons.” “Curveball” source discredited.

ABBREVIATIONS:

NIE = National Intelligence Estimate; BW = biological weapons; UNMOVIC = U.N. Monitoring, Verification, and Inspection Commission; DIA = Defense Intelligence Agency.

NOTE:

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