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In 2007 on assignment with the House Armed Services Committee, he contributed to its investigation of the Iraqi Security Forces, specifically reviewing the recruitment, training and deployment of American advisors.

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