

## ***Appendix A: 21 Broadcast Indicators observed by Captain May***

Calendar for 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks of APRIL 2003:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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### ***Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>***

1. Explosions outside Baghdad, circa 2130 hours (Eastern)
2. Report from Embed: shouts, explosions and automatic fire hitting the vehicle.
3. CNN military experts, including General Clark, in studio become pessimistic in their analysis.
4. Larry King shouts “Oh, my God!” in studio, as images come in. (He apparently forgot that his mike was on.) c. 2215 hours
5. Lieutenant Colonel Ferrell, the 3/7 Cavalry Commander, begins to cry in an interview with CNN reporter Walter Rodgers. Rodgers apparently had intended to create the impression that all was going well at the airport and asked how were the troops? c. 2230. (Rodgers is close to tears, too.)
6. CNN report “Hundreds of reinforcements” rushing to airport. c. 2245 hours
7. Fox concurrently reports reinforcements to airport.
8. 3<sup>rd</sup> Division of the U.S. Army 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry reported as on *foray* into Baghdad
9. Baghdad Bob says Iraqi forces control airport, have killed 300 US troops.

### ***Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>***

10. Tape released of a jubilant Saddam Hussein (probably taken the day before when US troops took the airport (and therefore stepped into a trap).
11. Pentagon cancels its 1230 (Eastern) briefing
12. Bush flies to Blair in England – stays Saturday and Sunday
13. CNN’s Aaron Brown says “There are things we can’t tell you now.”
14. Saturday evening CNN Christiane Amanpour, in a panel discussion, hints broadly that the Arab and American media don’t agree on the facts of ongoing events. A flunky Kuwait editor lamely suggests that Arab media should not be making reports without hearing the American side first (i.e., he doesn’t deny any of the reports).

### ***Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>***

15. Sunday afternoon, c. 1900 (Eastern), a national conservative talk show host with Clear Channel Communications (950 AM in Texas) mocks the Egyptian newspaper figure of 200 American KIA at airport. After a commercial break he stops mocking Arab media, and begins to hint that something terrible has happened in Iraq and that we need to rally behind the President.

### ***Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>***

16. Shelling of Arab media in Baghdad (by U.S. forces).

### ***Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>***

17. In an interview: Aaron Brown asks: “Does the 3/7 feel safe?” Walter Rodgers answers: “Lieut. Colonel Ferrell summed it up for the men when he said that none of them would feel safe until they were home in Fort Stewart, Georgia.”

### ***Other Broadcast Indicators***

18. Wesley Clark leaves CNN, stressing his need to show himself “objective” several times.
19. Middle East media broadly impugns integrity of US media.
20. Al Jazeera English site crashes. (I still haven’t been able to pull up its archives for the weekend we took Baghdad.)
21. Multiple confirmations by international students at University of Houston Honors College of massive US losses at airport.