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Subject: Re: Nice dodge, Mr. President!

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For those not in the know, hitting someone with one's shoes or throwing one's shoes at someone is among the worst insults in the Arab world. It is also considered horribly dishonorable to issue such an insult to a guest, regardless of how little one might like that guest, because of deeply-ingrained traditions of hospitality (which are not only codified in the Koran, but also part of long-standing pre-Islamic culture). So, on one hand, this guy is being praised for daring to give what-for to Mr. Bush- but on the other, he is also being denounced for violating the laws of hospitality and being about as rude as it is possible to be to a guest in his country.

It certainly is one of the more... unique things to happen to a US President overseas.

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