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TO: Gen. Dick Myers
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CC: Gen. Pete Pace
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FROM: Donald Rumsfeld

SUBJECT: "Preparation of the Battlespace"

I am concerned that the old phrase "preparation of the battlespace" may no longer be appropriate terminology for a variety of reasons, including potential inaccuracy and misimpressions that it can convey.

Please think through what terms may be more appropriate in today's world. In the GWOT, the entire world is the "battlespace" in the old sense, and it can be harmful to telegraph U.S. "preparation."

Thanks.

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Please respond by _____



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