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SUBJECT: U.S.-Ukraine Bilateral Defense Consultation (BDC)

- The annual U.S.-Ukraine BDC was held in Monterey, California on July 8. The U.S. delegation was headed by Jim MacDougall, Acting DASD for Eurasia; the Ukrainian delegation was headed by Deputy Minister of Defense Tymofeyev.
- Ukrainians affirmed they are committed to remain in Iraq; a third troop rotation will occur in August/September. They asked about the end date for coalition operations and plans for turning over responsibilities to the Iraqis.
 - We said we'd keep them informed.
- The Ukrainians renewed their request for U.S. funding for their KFOR contingent in Kosovo.
 - MacDougall repeated that we will try to help them through the end of the fiscal year, but no further U.S. funding is available beyond FY04.
- Both sides agreed to focus our security cooperation in the coming year on the newly established Joint Rapid Reaction Force (JRRF), which will be a NATO-interoperable brigade trained to take part in coalition peacekeeping operations.

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As a result of the Philippines' pull out from Iraq, State saved \$15m that was going to go to the Philippines for peacekeeping operations. I asked Marc Grossman to use some of that for Ukraine.

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