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November 30, 2005

TO: Eric Edelman

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FROM: Donald Rumsfeld

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SUBJECT: Memo on Mongolian Exercise

This memo seems not to answer my question as to what we ought to be doing to help Mongolia to have a successful exercise. Any thoughts?

Thanks.

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TO: Peter Rodman
CC: Eric Edelman
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *DR*
SUBJECT: Mongolian Exercise

We ought to think of countries we'd like to get involved in that Mongolian conquest exercise.

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FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs
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SUBJECT: Response to SecDef Question on How to Attain Participation of Other Countries in the Mongolian Multi-lateral Exercise KHAAN QUEST 2006

- (U) **You** asked which countries we would like to see participate in KHAAN QUEST 2006 (next under).
- (U) Mongolia will host KHAAN QUEST 2006 in August. **The** 2006 exercise will be the first held under the auspices of the Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI).
 - o (U) PACOM has invited Japan, Republic of Korea (ROK), Thailand, Fiji, Tonga, and Australia.
 - o (U) We anticipate Mongolia will request their neighbors, Russia and China, attend the exercise as observers.
 - o (U) Mongolia will have 500 infantry soldiers take part in the exercise. KHAAN QUEST 2006 is designed to support up to 1,000 participants.
- (U) Increasing the number of participating countries **will** help Mongolia to become a hub for regional peacekeeping training and is critical to maintaining troop skills and interoperability.

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FROM: Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs

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SUBJECT: Memo on Mongolian Exercise

- (U) You asked what the U.S. can do to assist Mongolia in having a successful KHAAN QUEST in 2006 (next under).
- (U) Based on the December 2005 Initial Planning Conference (IPC), planning for this event is proceeding at a good pace:
 - (U) During the IPC, personnel from the Mongolian Armed Forces, PACOM, and ROK National Defense University's Peacekeeping Operations Center developed the scenario of a large-scale humanitarian disaster for the staff-training exercise.
 - (U) Personnel from USARPAC, Alaska National Guard, and Oregon National Guard, and the Mongolian Armed Forces scripted out the scenarios for the field-training exercise.
- (U) One focus of our effort now is to engage additional international partners:
 - (U) Australia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Fiji, and Tonga, have expressed interest in participating in KHAAN QUEST 2006. We are contacting Canada now.
 - (U) We will work with State, PACOM, and Mongolia to provide suggestions to these nations as to how they might participate. Some initial ideas include:
 - (U) providing strategic lift to bring selected countries to the exercise;
 - (U) funding the upgrade of the Five Hills Training Center in Mongolia where KHAAN QUEST will be held; and,
 - (U) resourcing the observation and participation of international organizations, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross, in the exercise.



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Way Ahead:

- (U) To make future GPOI capstone exercises better, we will work with Combatant Commanders to encourage their factoring GPOI activities into their requests for Theater Security Cooperation funding.
 - (U) Although PACOM did budget for KHAAN QUEST 2006, the new requirements to make the exercise a GPOI capstone peacekeeping exercise have resulted in PACOM's having to pull from its O&M funds to support its role in KHAAN QUEST 2006.
- (U) We will suggest defined roles for international partners early on in the planning process for GPOI capstone peacekeeping exercises.

