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TO: Larry Di Rita

CC: Paul Wolfowitz
Gen Dick Myers
Doug Feith
GEN John Abizaid
GEN George Casey

FROM: Donald Rumsfeld

SUBJECT: Response to Iraq Incident

Be sure you don't say anything beyond expressing condolences with respect to the Italian security person in Iraq, until the investigation is completed. We ought to express condolences, our grief that the terrible incident happened, and that a full investigation is underway.

I think anything we say is going to get contrasted with anything the Italians say, and will just add fuel to the fire. So, let's be very careful, and let's be sure our military people around the world do the same thing.

Also, let me know when you think the investigation will be complete.

Thanks.

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Please respond by _____



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