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TO: Gen Pete Pace
CC: Gen Dick Myers
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *DR*
SUBJECT: Views from Generals

IRAQ

I would like to know what the general officers, and possibly ~~some~~ key colonels, in Iraq think about the various options we face. I don't need to know their names, but we need to know what they think. ~~Except~~ for you, Myers, Abizaid, Casey and Metz, the rest can be anonymous.

What I'd like to know is the following:

- Whether or not they believe the U.S. and the coalition:
 - 1) Are doing about the right things overall, and with about the right number of troops in their respective areas of operation (*specify AOR*).
 - 2) Need more troops, and if so, where and for what purpose.
 - 3) Would be better off with fewer U.S. troops (*where*) and having the coalition do less of *what*.
 - 4) Would be better off with the same number of troops, but we should put *X* number - i.e., 10%, 50%, 90% of the forces we have organizing, training, equipping, ~~mentoring~~, or other with Iraqi Security forces.
 - 5) Should cut back dramatically on U.S.-only patrols and focus totally on joint patrols and mentoring Iraqi Security forces.
 - 6) Put more U.S. Forces on Syria and Israel's borders but remain available to do raids throughout the country as required.
 - 7) Other?

Thanks.

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