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FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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SUBJECT: Response to SECDEF Snowflake on Answer to Senator Mikulski
about Costs

- Sen. Mikulski's exact words from the February 16, 2005 Senate Appropriations Committee Supplemental hearing are highlighted at **Tab A**. She asserts that the Secretary stated the war was not going to cost anything. We have been unable to find any quote or reference from the Secretary stating that the war was not going to cost us anything. In fact, we have attached at **Tab B** several quotes from the Secretary including one where he said the cost of the war was "not knowable."
- Sen. Mikulski could have been referring to a quote on the cost of reconstruction. We also searched along these lines and came up with a quote from the Secretary when he appeared before the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 27, 2003. **Tab C** includes the Secretary's words where he implies that reconstruction funds could come from a variety of sources including frozen assets, oil revenues and the Oil for Food program. Other comments by administration officials are located at **Tab D**.

Attachments:

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Tabs A-D

