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TO: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Mr. Michael W. Wynne, Acting Under Secretary of Defense (AT&L)

SUBJECT: Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense Flight Test Successful.

- An interceptor missile launched by the Missile Defense Agency from the U.S. Navy Aegis cruiser **USS Lake Erie** on February 24, 2005, successfully intercepted and destroyed a short-range target missile launched from the Hawaiian island of Kauai.
- The target missile was launched from the U.S. Navy's Pacific Missile Range Facility at Barking Sands, Kauai at 11:03 a.m. Hawaii Standard Time (4:03 p.m. Eastern Standard Time). About one minute later the **USS Lake Erie** launched the Standard Missile-3 from its patrol area located more than 100 miles from Kauai, and the intercept was achieved about two minutes after the interceptor was launched.
- This is the fifth successful intercept in six tests. This test marked the first use of an operationally configured Standard Missile-3 interceptor, designed to intercept and destroy short to medium range ballistic missiles.
- The Missile Defense Agency will conduct extensive post-test data to determine system performance, validate operational capability and identify potential modifications to the system to improve performance.

COORDINATION: None

cc: DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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