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FROM: Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command

SUBJECT: United States Government Support of Aceh Recovery Efforts

Mr. Secretary, I am following up on our discussion on how the United States Government may offer assistance to the government of Indonesia to help plan and/or manage recovery efforts in the Aceh region. My thinking has evolved as we move much closer to the longer term recovery.

- **US Army Corps of Engineers**

- Within DoD, the reconstruction planning is best suited for the U.S. **Army** Corps of Engineers (USACE), with a long-term effort by the Department of State. USACE has entered into a Participating Agency Service Agreement (PASA) with USAID to provide technical services in support of long-term U.S. Government Tsunami Reconstruction and Economic Recovery Programs for Indonesia and Sri Lanka. The PASA includes three phases of work
  - Phase I (2 months) will be project planning to determine scopes of work with cost estimates and acquisition and contracting strategies.
  - Phase II will be project execution (6-12 months).
  - Phase III will provide for additional project execution, if required.
- USAID is still awaiting final funding authority from OMB but expects approximately \$300M for roads, bridges, water and wastewater in Indonesia and \$35M for Sri Lanka for roads and bridges.

- **Pacific Ocean Division**

- The Pacific Ocean Division (POD) has the lead for USACE to implement the PASA. The CONOPS is to launch a small team headed by an SES to meet with the USAID Mission Directors in Jakarta and Colombo for further direction and mission analysis, followed by two technical teams, who will begin detailed project planning in each country as required in Phase I.
- POD will reach out USACE-wide for subject matter experts and technical reach back capability. USACE and POD are performing this work for the State Department under the authority of a General Agreement of Support between USAID and USACE signed in 2003.

RECOMMENDATION: NONE. For information only.

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