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FROM: Powell A. Moore, Assistant Secretary of Defense
For Legislative Affairs 697-6210

SUBJECT: Memo

- Last week, after Congress adjourned sine die, I sent the attached memorandum to everyone who currently serves or has served in the Office of Legislative Affairs since 2001. I would like to share its contents with you.

Attachment:
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December 10, 2004

**To the Men and Women Who Have Served in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of
Defense for Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense since 2001**

Sine die adjournment of the 108th Congress marks the end of the fourth session of Congress since I joined the Bush/Rumsfeld team at the Department of Defense on May 3, 2001. As we cross this milestone, I would like to express my appreciation to all of you for the remarkable collection of achievements we have compiled.

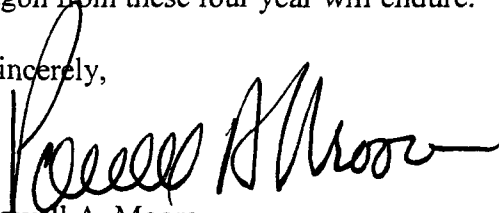
- Two resolutions have been overwhelmingly adopted by Congress which provided Congressional approval for the President to take the action he deemed necessary to wage the global war on terrorism.
- Four Defense Authorization bills have been enacted. These bills authorized the research and development and procurement programs that will modernize our military force. They also contained several landmark provisions to transform the Department. These include Base Realignment and Closure authority, the National Security Personnel System, a significant portion of the Range Readiness and Preservation Initiative and other measures. Pay for our men and women in uniform has been increased by more than 20 percent and subsistence and housing allowances by more than 50 percent. Finally, the outcome of the long, emotional and tangled debate over missile defense has been decided in favor of those who have advocated the development of a system to protect our Nation from missile attack.
- Working with the office of the Comptroller, we have supported enactment of four regular defense appropriations bills, four military construction appropriations bills and seven supplemental appropriations bills providing more than \$1.65 trillion to accomplish the mission of the Department of Defense.
- More than 50 Presidential civilian appointees and more than 240 three and four star generals and admirals have completed the Senate confirmation process.
- Support has been provided for more than 80 appearances before Congressional committees by the Secretary and by the Deputy Secretary. We have also assisted in the preparation of appearances before Congressional committees by countless other Department officials including under secretaries, service secretaries and others.
- The Secretary and the Deputy Secretary have conducted 28 briefings for all Senators and 19 briefings for all members of the House since September 11, 2001. The daily interagency briefing routine that we organized and executed during initial ground operations in Iraq in the spring of 2003, involving the Department of Defense, the Joint Staff, State Department and the CIA, will serve as a model for future conflicts.



- Travel is essential for Congressional understanding of the mission of the Department of Defense and of our Nation's security challenges. We have supported more than 600 Congressional delegations providing more than 2,000 trips for Senators and members of the House. More than 230 Members of Congress have traveled to Iraq since May 2003 and more than 120 to Afghanistan since December 2001.
- The Secretary and the Deputy Secretary have hosted more than 150 breakfasts and lunches at the Pentagon for Senators and Representatives serving them more than 800 meals.
- The National Strategy Forum was established providing more than 100 Members of Congress with the opportunity to participate with senior Administration officials in war game exercises at National Defense University. Over the past three years, nine exercises were conducted examining some of the complex challenges facing our Nation in the 21st Century.
- In the process of Congressional oversight as committees investigated such controversial issues as detainee abuse, prewar intelligence, tanker leasing, sexual assault and other issues, you have served as interlocutors with integrity, sound judgment and in the National interest.

I am truly grateful to you for the dedication, commitment, teamwork and judgment that have produced these results. I hope all of you will look back on this experience with pride in your achievements; that your memories of your important part in some of the most historic events in the first decade of the twenty-first century will lift your spirits in future years and that warm friendships on the Hill and in the Pentagon from these four year will endure.

Sincerely,



Powell A. Moore
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