

**ACTION MEMO**

FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: MIRA RICARDEL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY POLICY (ACTING)

NOV 12 2004

SUBJECT: Thank You Letters for Afghanistan Election Assistance

Four nations deployed additional forces to ISAF primarily in support of the Afghan presidential election:

- Spain: Sent a light infantry battalion of 550, to augment long-term ISAF presence of approximately 500 troops
- Italy: Sent a light infantry battalion of 500 to augment a long-term ISAF presence of 500 troops.
- Germany: Sent approximately 70 psychological warfare troops to augment long-term ISAF presence of 2 100 troops.
- Netherlands: Sent approximately 250 troops, including 6 F-16s, to augment long-term presence of approximately 500.

At Tab A are proposed thank you letters to the MoDs of Italy, Spain, Germany, and The Netherlands for your signature.

RECOMMENDATION: SecDef sign suggested thank you letters at Tab A.

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Dir (EPS): \_\_\_\_\_

Coalition Mgt Mary Tighe, 4 Nov 04

Dir (NATO): \_\_\_\_\_



Prepared by: COL AJ Torres, ISP/EPS, 695-6507  
Prepared on: 11/3/2004 16:06

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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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October 29, 2004

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TO: Doug Feith

FROM: [redacted]

SUBJECT: Thank you to Italians

We probably ought to send a thank you to the Italians for stepping up and providing **troops** for the Afghan election, and anyone else who helped.

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Please respond by 11/5/04

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TO Sec Def

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICES  
EXECUTIVE SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS

December 1, 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR CABLES DUTY OFFICER

SUBJECT: Release of Message – SECDEF Letter to Italy MOD Martino and  
Netherlands MOD Kamp

The attached package contains a message/cable to be released via the Defense Messaging System (DMS).

The text of the message and accompanying letter (as appropriate) has been reviewed and cleared for release.

Please return a copy of this memo along with a copy of the transmitted message to the Correspondence Control Division.

Thank you.

*Michael Lowery*

Executive Services and Communications

Correspondence Analyst

Attachments:

As stated

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
1000 DEFENSE PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1000

DEC 1 2004

The Honorable Antonio Martino  
Minister of Defense  
Via XX, Settembre 8  
00187 Rome  
Italy

Dear Antonio,

I want to express my deep appreciation for Italy's support to the recent election in Afghanistan. Your contributions helped ensure that this historic election occurred in a safe environment.

It is reassuring that we can count on Italy to be in the war on terrorism.

Thanks so much.

Sincerely,

Afghanistan

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
1000 DEFENSE PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1000

DEC 1 2004

The Honorable Henk Kamp  
Minister of Defense of the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
P.O. Box 20701  
2500 ES The Hague  
The Netherlands

Dear Minister Kamp:

I want to express my deep appreciation for the support of The Netherlands to the recent election in Afghanistan. Your contributions helped ensure that this historic election occurred in a safe environment. It is reassuring that we can count on The Netherlands in the ~~war~~ on terrorism.

Sincerely,



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Releaser's Info : DONALD H. RUMSFELD, SECDEF, -7100

Action Prec : ROUTINE  
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Specat :

From: SECDEF WASHINGTON DC  
To: AMEMBASSY ROME  
Info: SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC  
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SECDEF WASHINGTON DC//FILE/USDP ISP/USDP EUR POL//

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SUBJECT: LETTER TO ITALIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE

1. REQUEST AMEMBASSY FORWARD SUBJECT LETTER TO THE HONORABLE MARTINO  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SIGNED ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW.

(BEGIN TEXT)

THE HONORABLE ANTONIO MARTINO  
MINISTER OF DEFENSE  
VIA XX, SETTEMBRE 8  
00187 ROME  
ITALY

DEAR ANTONIO,

(PARA) I WANT TO EXPRESS **MY** DEEP APPRECIATION FOR ITALY'S SUPPORT TO  
THE RECENT ELECTION IN AFGHANISTAN. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS HELPED ENSURE  
THAT THIS HISTORIC ELECTION OCCURRED IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

(PARA) IT IS REASSURING THAT WE CAN COUNT ON ITALY TO BE IN THE WAR  
ON TERRORISM.

(PARA) THANKS SO MUCH.

SINCERELY,  
//DONALD H. RUMSFELD//

(END TEXT)

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TEXT FOLLOWS  
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SUBJECT: LETTER TO THE NETHERLANDS MINISTER OF DEFENSE

1. REQUEST AMEMBASSY FORWARD SUBJECT LETTER TO THE HONORABLE KAMP AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE. SIGNED ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW.

(BEGIN TEXT)

THE HONORABLE HENK KAMP  
MINISTER OF DEFENSE OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS  
P.O. BOX 20701  
2500 ES THE HAGUE  
THE NETHERLANDS

DEAR MINISTER KAMP:

(PARA) I WANT TO EXPRESS *MY* DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE  
NETHERLANDS TO THE RECENT ELECTION IN AFGHANISTAN. YOUR  
CONTRIBUTIONS HELPED ENSURE THAT THIS HISTORIC ELECTION OCCURRED IN A  
SAFE ENVIRONMENT. IT IS REASSURING THAT WE CAN COUNT ON THE  
NETHERLANDS IN THE WAR ON TERRORISM.

SINCERELY,  
//DONALD H. RUMSFELD//

(END TEXT)

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**LtCol Kevin "Beak" Vest**  
**USMC Military Assistant**  
**USD Executive Secretariat**  
**(703) 692-7129**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: *ESCD*

SUBJ: *SNOWFLAKE 102904-23 RESPONSE*  
*FROM ISA.*

*Gentlemen, please control this package and then return to ISA for edits from SO. This package includes four letters. The letters to Spain & Germany need to be cancelled. The letters to Italy and Netherlands need to reflect the Secretary's edits. The corresponding Gencer messages attached need to reflect the appropriate edits. This package should be returned to ESCD after corrections are complete for routing back to the front office.*

*"BEAK" Thanks LTC VEST*



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