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FROM: Ryan Henry, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

SUBJECT: Global Posture: GAO Review

- At HASC request, GAO has initiated a review on "DoD Overseas Presence Realignment Initiatives." (See attached letter.)
- We successfully managed to ensure such a review was launched only after Presidential decisions and Congressional notification of posture changes.
- An entrance conference will be held in early November.
- We will keep you apprised of significant developments.

ATTACHMENT: As stated

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United States Government Accountability Office
Washington, DC 20548

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The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
The Secretary of Defense

Attention: DOD Office of the Inspector General
Technical Director for Audit Follow-Up
and GAO Affairs

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This letter is to inform you of a new U.S. Government Accountability Office engagement—job code **350612**. The enclosure provides information on the assignment. If we determine it is necessary to visit locations other than those specified in the enclosure, we will advise you.

We would appreciate your notifying the appropriate officials of this work. Please contact our office to set up an entrance conference.

Sincerely yours,

Henry L. Hinton, Jr.
Managing Director, Defense Capabilities
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Enclosure



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INFORMATION ON NEW GAO ENGAGEMENT

Engagement subject: Department of Defense Overseas Presence Realignment Initiatives

Engagement code: 350612

Source of the work: GAO is beginning this work in response to a request made by the House Armed Services Committee, Subcommittee on Readiness.

Objective(s)/key question(s):

1. What are the current and planned changes to DOD's overseas presence in each of the combatant commands, and to what extent has the department assessed the potential organizational, logistics, host nation, force structure, personnel and cost ramifications of those changes?
2. What analyses has DOD conducted to assess whether and how changes in U.S. global presence should be modified to enhance crisis response and warfighting capabilities?
3. To what extent has DOD analyzed the potential costs and the impact on families and quality of life of rotating units and personnel versus permanently stationing units overseas?
4. What progress **has** been made by DOD to identify which forces should be deployed on a rotational basis to facilitate a more joint approach to meeting presence requirements?
5. What benefits does DOD envision accruing from interaction with military forces of host nations, to what extent are such interactions expected to occur, and how are those benefits measured?

Agencies and anticipated locations to be contacted: Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, ~~Air~~ Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Army headquarters, Joint Forces Command, regional combatant commands, and other locations as required.

The estimated start date for the work: October 26, 2004

Time frame for holding the entrance conference: November 3-9, 2004

GAO team performing the engagement: Defense Capabilities and Management

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