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**FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**

**FROM: Powell A. Moore, Assistant Secretary of Defense for  
Legislative Affairs**

**SUBJECT: Briefing for Senator McCain**

- You asked about a Global Posture Briefing for Senator McCain. Ryan Henry and Andy Hoehn briefed Chris Paul of his staff on August 20\* and offered to brief Senator McCain. After Chris Paul shared the contents of the briefing with Senator McCain, Paul called and said that the Senator was satisfied and that additional briefings will be unnecessary.
- Because he specifically raised concern about Korea when you testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee on August 17<sup>th</sup>, we suggested to General LaPorte that he visit Senator McCain to allay his concerns about Korea when General LaPorte was in town to testify on the Global Posture Realignment in mid-September. General LaPorte had a twenty minute office call with Senator McCain where the issue of the security of the peninsula was discussed, but unfortunately the office call did not last long enough to qualify as a briefing.
- On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, he was present for a substantial portion of the SASC hearing where you, General Myers, General Jones, Admiral Fargo, and General LaPorte testified. He heard your statement on the Global Posture Realignment, but his questions focused on troop strength.
- In addition to the foregoing, I wrote him the attached letter reviewing our efforts to keep the Senate informed on this issue and making another offer to provide him with a personal briefing.

Coordination: None.

Attachments:

As stated



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September 20, 2004

The Honorable John McCain  
United States Senate  
Room SR-241 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-0303

Dear Senator McCain:

On **August** 17, 2004 at the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on intelligence reform, the question arose regarding the adequacy of the Department of Defense's consultation on the issue of global posture realignment.

The Secretary has asked me to outline for you the Department's efforts to keep the Senate informed on this issue. The Department has conducted nine briefs on global posture realignment for the staffs of Senate committees and for the staffs of Senators in the last 14 months. Five of those briefings have been to the **SASC** staff and personal staff of Senators on the SASC. On August 20, a briefing was provided for a representative of your staff as well as personal staff representatives of three other **SASC** members.

Last spring, the Secretary hosted five breakfast meetings on this issue with the leadership of the defense committees of Congress including an April 29 breakfast meeting with Chairman Warner and Ranking Minority Member Levin.

Since early June, we have had an offer pending to brief all Senators of the **SASC**. Although the SASC has been unable to schedule this briefing, individual Senators have been briefed at their request.

We have **also** actively engaged the House and the House Armed Services Committee conducted a full committee hearing on this issue on June 23, 2004.

This is an important issue and we would welcome the opportunity to personally brief you. The Department is prepared to provide you a briefing on this issue anytime your schedule will allow. Please have Chris Paul contact me when it is convenient.

Sincerely,

Powell A. Moore  
Assistant Secretary of Defense  
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