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FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Mr. Michael W. Wynne, Acting Under Secretary of Defense (AT&L)

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SUBJECT: GBI Emplacement at Fort Greely

- The Ground-Based Midcourse Defense element of the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) plans to emplace the first Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) ground-based interceptor (GBI) at Fort Greely, Alaska, on July **22,2004.** Once in its silo, the GBI will undergo an additional series of tests and checkouts and should be alert capable no later than August 8,2004.
- This is a significant milestone on the path toward initial defensive operations (IDO). MDA will continue system integration and checkout and will emplace additional GBIs as our initial capability progresses toward alert.

COORDINATION: None

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