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FROM: Donald Rumsfeld

SUBJECT: Question on Remaining Non-Political

Question: Have we arrived at a point where it is not possible for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense and the National Security Advisor to be non-political? If the battleground is in Washington and the opposition has politicized national security issues, do we really still have that luxury?

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