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TO: GEN George Casey

CC: Gen Pete Pace
GEN John Abizaid

FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *D.A.*

SUBJECT: Boots on the Ground in Iraq

Thank you for sending up the actual and projected boots on the ground over the next several months. I thought, based on other charts I've seen previously, that the numbers would be lower. I assume these numbers do NOT include the results of the March and June force level assessments, which should cause further adjustments.

It is critical in the months ahead that we get this right -- I would like to see a similar chart every two weeks.

Thanks.

Attach: 2/3/06 CENTCOM Spreadsheet

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