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June 15, 2006

TO: Gen Pete Pace

CC: Eric Edelman
GEN John Abizaid

FROM: Donald Rumsfeld

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SUBJECT: Attack on Iraqi Merchant by Iranian Navy

This is an interesting spot report, mentioned to me by John Abizaid on the phone earlier today. It says the "interdiction was thwarted by coalition vessels." What are the rules of engagement for something like that? It seems to me our folks should be very forceful in protecting Iraqi flagged vessels from the Iranians. I would like some more detail on this, please.

Thanks.

Attach: Intel report

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