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TO: ADM Bill Fallon

CC: Gen Pete Pace
Eric Edelman
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FROM: Donald Rumsfeld

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SUBJECT: Follow-up to Your Visit to Southeast Asia

Fox, it looks like you had a good visit to Southeast Asia, especially Indonesia. I agree that Indonesia is enormously important -- as the world's largest Muslim country and third largest democracy, as well as for its strategic location.

Please work with Eric Edelman on your idea about a process that would better fit with the Leahy Amendment in terms of individuals and units receiving training.

I was struck by your comments about Malaysia and Brunei -- sometimes we can do so much in smaller countries where our leverage is greater. Work your ideas there with Eric as well

I am looking forward to hearing the next turn on the Taiwan plan this week. "See you" on the SVTC!

Thanks.

Attach. 3/17/06 USPACOM memo to SD re: Visit to Southeast Asia 22 Feb - 2 Mar 2006

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