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TO: Peter Rodman

CC: Eric Edelman

FROM: Donald Rumsfeld



SUBJECT: Your Memo on Releasing the 2006 China Military Power Report

I have to get into this more than I did last year, when I was shown the report on an airplane at the last minute, and I made massive changes.

I need to see it soon. Please be sure the sensitive sections are marked, so I can be sure the report reflects the views I want it to reflect.

I also think we ought to consider putting it before the Defense Policy Board (DPB) and having them think about it, or at least selecting some members of the DPB to review it.

What do you think?

Thanks.

Attach: 3/3/06 ASD (ISA) memo to SecDef (OSD 03635-06)

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FROM: Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA) 3/8 MAR 3 2006

SUBJECT: Milestones for Releasing the 2006 China Military Power Report (FOUO)

- The FY2000 National Defense Authorization Act, Section 1202, requires the Secretary of Defense to submit an annual report on the current and future military strategy of the People's Republic of China by March 1 of each year.
- We completed our draft of this year's report, have coordinated with DIA, and are beginning our coordination with the interagency.
- We are working against the following milestones for this year's report.
 - March 15: begin interagency coordination (State, NSC, OVP, and DNI).
 - April 15: complete interagency coordination.
 - April 26: review and final approval by SecDef.
 - May 15: report goes to Congress.
- I have formally advised Congress that the report will be delayed. They will keep pressure on us to complete this requirement no later than the middle of May.
- Release any earlier will likely encounter resistance from the interagency, given PRC President Hu's mid-April visit to the U.S., including his April 20 meeting with the President.
- Delivering the report to Congress in May will allow us ample time to put it in proper context before you go to Singapore for the June 2-4 Shangri-La Dialogue.

COORDINATION: Tab A

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