October 05, 2006

TO: Lt Gen Gene Renuart

FROM: Donald Rumsfeld

SUBJECT: U.S. Troops in Afghanistan

Please have someone get the precise numbers of troops in Afghanistan.

The best information I have is as follows:

• U.S. total troops in Afghanistan: 23,300

• U.S. troops in ISAF as Region 4 becomes part of ISAF: 12,700

• U.S. forces not in ISAF: 10,600

• Total forces in ISAF: 32,000

• Total non-U.S. forces in ISAF: 18,300

• PRTs total: 23

• U.S.: 11

• Stage 4 brings 10 more into ISAF

This means the U.S. will be plus or minus 35% of the ISAF force, at 12,700 out of 32,000.

This does not take into account the fact that we have other forces that move in and out of the country, Special Forces, that we are providing other enablers and that we have a memorandum of agreement to provide quick reaction assistance -- in duress assistance.

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