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TO: David Chu
CC: Doug Feith
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *DR*
SUBJECT: Language Initiative between State, Defense and Education

Condi Rice and the new Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings, want to do a language initiative among our three Departments. You should contact Condi's Chief of Staff, and once you get the lay of the land and what you think we might be able to do, we will decide who ought to be the person to participate in the three Department working group.

Thanks.

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Please respond by 3/1/05



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FROM: David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense (P&R)

David S. C. Chu
4 Apr 05

SUBJECT: Language Initiative among State, Defense, and Education--
SNOWFLAKE (attached)

- I talked with Brian Gunderson (Secretary Rice's Chief of Staff). Dr. Rice wants to replicate for Arabic what the United States did to encourage the study of Russian during the Cold War. She especially wishes to improve the flow of students with foreign language ability into government service.
- We met with Education and State this week. They discussed the likely need for legislative action and the possibility of an eventual Presidential Summit. State Department staff indicated interest in convening an NSC Deputies Meeting. Doug Feith's office is assisting these discussions.
- As you know, we have been working with other federal agencies, academia, and interested national associations on a similar effort since last summer.
 - o We hosted a major national conference to stimulate a national language agenda.
 - o I will be discussing the White Paper that resulted with Chief Human Capital Officers of federal agencies, focusing on how we can best meet our collective needs.
- Specific actions are already underway. For example:
 - o Our National Security Education Program is establishing a "pipeline" program to teach Chinese from kindergarten through college.
 - o We will be using our Dependent School system to establish a model program.
- Education will have the major piece of this initiative. It is not currently funded for this purpose.
- We will ensure that we coordinate the Defense Language Transformation Roadmap, on which the Deputy reported to you, with this new initiative.

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