

February 7, 2005

TO: VADM Jim Stavridis
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld
SUBJECT: 2005 Priorities

Thanks for this good start on the priorities revision for 2005 -- it is a help. I have these additional thoughts:

- I think somewhere we need to put in that we have to get the entire Department functioning with a greater sense of urgency.
- We need to add something that says the moving of paper within the Department is too slow and bureaucratic and we have to eliminate the number of people who chop on things, and speed the process.
- I think some reference to the QDR is appropriate.
- I think we need a section in here that says we have got to ensure the Department does everything humanly possible to look out for the troops to include:
 - Seeing that the troops in the field have the equipment they need and that the commanders, tactics, techniques and procedures adjust to fit whatever equipment capabilities exist at any given time.
 - We do everything possible for the wounded to see that their transition is a successful one.
 - We look out for the families of those who are wounded or who have fallen.
- I think we need a section on recruiting and retention. And we need to make sure we make a success out of the all volunteer Army.
- That we find a way to be sure we are accessing the rest of the water barrel.

See also the edits on the attached draft memo. Thanks.

Attach.

2/3/05 VADM Stavridis Memo to SecDef re: Priorities

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