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February 3, 2005

TO: Doug Feith

SUBJECT: Response to NATO SecGen

Please get back to me with a proposal on how we respond to the attached letter from the Secretary General.

Thanks.

Attach.

2/03/05 Email from Fran Russell

1/28/05 Letter from NATO SecGen to SecDef

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Please respond by 2/17/05

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Jaap de Hoop Scheffer

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28 January 2005

NATO Training Mission – Iraq: Travel and Subsistence Trust Fund

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Given the necessary assurances of success, it would be my intention to arrange a meeting at NATO HQ in the near future, preferably before the 22 February NATO Summit, to set up this "Travel and Subsistence Trust Fund" and to hear from nations what they are in a position to contribute. Further explanations on the scope of the fund, on the payment and reimbursement mechanisms put in place, and on the courses currently planned are provided at Annex. As you can see, the aim is to establish a fund in an amount of several million Euros.

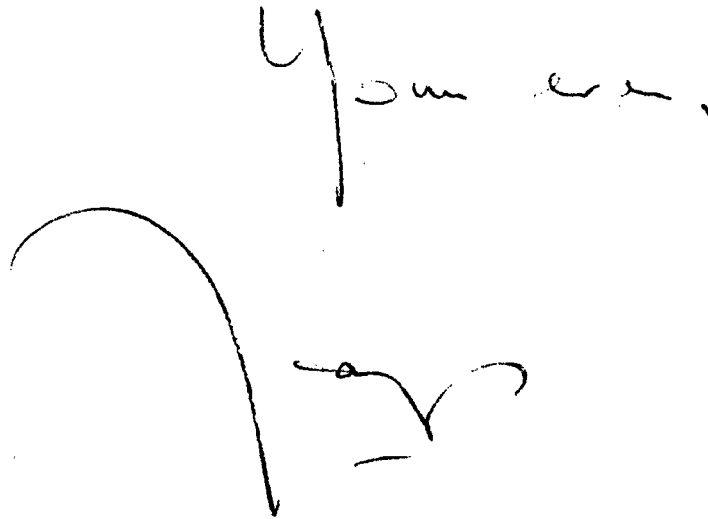
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Yours,


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NATO TRAINING MISSION IRAQ (NTM-I)

TRUST FUND TO COVER TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE OF IRAQI SECURITY FORCES TRAINING AT NATO TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Background

1. At the Istanbul Summit, NATO Heads of State and Government offered assistance to the government of Iraq with the training and equipping of its security forces. One important element of this assistance is the provision of training to Iraqi Security Forces at NATO Training and Educational Facilities outside Iraq.
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 - (a) travel and subsistence of Iraqi Security Forces trained at NATO and other facilities outside of Iraq;
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Payment and reimbursement mechanisms

5. Detailed mechanisms for payment and reimbursement of training at NATO facilities will be developed by ACO/ACT in conjunction with the administrator of the trust fund (the Joint Force Command Naples Financial Controller) on the basis of the guidance on travel and per diem parameters provided by the Military Budget Committee*. Every effort will be made to accommodate the Iraqi Security Force (**ISF**) personnel in NATO facilities in order to keep costs low.

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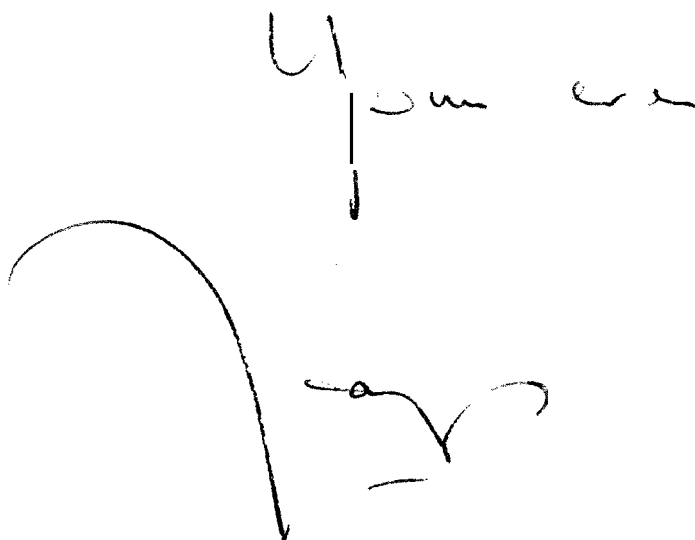
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