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SUBJECT: Followup on GAO Report GAO-04-854, "Military Operations: DoD's Extensive Use of Logistics Support Contracts Requires Strengthened Oversight," July 19, 2004

This responds to your memorandum of August 16, 2005, on the subject GAO report. Since this report was issued, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2005 was enacted on October 28, 2004. Section 1205 of the NDAA requires the Secretary of Defense to establish policies for the use of contractors to support deployed forces. A draft DoD Instruction (DoDI) providing the required policy has been fully coordinated and is now in final editing. The draft DoDI provides guidance implementing the first GAO recommendation relating to identification of operational requirements that are to be provided by contractors early in the planning process. We will provide a copy upon issuance to close that recommendation.

The policy memorandum addressing the second GAO recommendation relating to periodic site visits to evaluate logistics support provided by contractors will be forwarded upon issuance of the DoDI. Estimated completion date is November 2005. For the last two recommendations, the Defense Acquisition University has agreed both to establish a "lessons learned" data base as part of the Logistics Community of Practice and to develop a continuous learning-type training module for Logistics Support personnel. Estimated completion date for both these actions is March 2006.

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