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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ACQUISITION,
TECHNOLOGY AND LOGISTICS)

SUBJECT: Review of GAO Draft Report and Preparation of DoD Official Comments

Reference: GAO Draft Report, "REBUILDING IRAQ: Actions Needed to Improve Use of Private Security Providers," dated June 15, 2005 (GAO Code 350554/GAO-05-737)

On June 16, 2005, we received the referenced GAO draft report (copy attached) with a GAO request for DoD comments by July 15, 2005. The GAO makes four recommendations to the Department on pages 45 and 46 of the draft report that require a response by the Department. To ensure the Department's comments are included in the GAO final report, the proposed response is due in our office by **July 12, 2005**. The collateral action offices should forward their comments to the Primary Action Officer by **July 6, 2005**.

Enclosed is an Information Sheet describing the detailed report review and response preparation procedures. As part of the review process, please keep in mind that the GAO posts unclassified final reports on the World-Wide Web. (See **NOTE under item 4.a.** of the enclosed Report Information Sheet). To meet the comment date requested by GAO, we have established the following target dates for developing the DoD response:

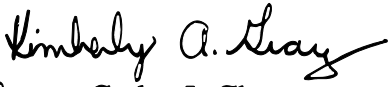
<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
07-06-05	CAO input due to primary action office (PAO);
07-12-05	PAO provides the DoD proposed response to OIG, DoD;
TBD	DoD pre-meeting (if necessary);
TBD	Meeting with GAO (if necessary) to present DoD comments;
07-15-05	Release the DoD written response to GAO.

Based on the GAO request, either official oral comments or a general letter response to the draft should be prepared. Written comments are generally preferable. If written comments cannot be provided, a meeting to present the oral comments to the GAO may be required. If written comments are planned, please prepare **a letter** addressed to Mr. William M. Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, U.S. Government Accountability Office, 441 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20548. The letter should begin by stating, "This is the Department of Defense (DoD) response to the GAO draft report, 'REBUILDING IRAQ: Actions Needed to Improve Use of Private Security Providers,' dated June 15, 2005, (GAO Code 350554/GAO-05-737)." Item 4.b. of the Information Sheet provides additional guidance for preparing the letter. Since the draft report includes recommendations to the DoD, enclosed

is a suggested format for providing the DoD detailed comments as an attachment to the DoD letter.

We are providing copies of this tasking and the draft report to the collateral action offices and to your primary action officer, **Mr. Michael Pelkey, 703-614-1253**. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Samuel J. Scumaci, 703-604-9630, e-mail sscumaci@dodig.osd.mil . If he is not available, please contact Ms. Kimberly A. Gray, 703-604-9621, email kgray@dodig.osd.mil . Our fax number is 703-604-9608.

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for Carlos J. Chapa
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