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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR DEFENSE SUPPORT OFFICE – IRAQ

SUBJECT: Review of GAO Final Report and Preparation of DoD Official Comment

Reference: GAO Final Report, GAO-06-152C, "REBUILDING IRAQ: DOD Reports Should Link Economic, Governance, and Security Indicators to Conditions for Stabilizing Iraq," dated October 31, 2005 (GAO Code 320305)

On November 2, 2005, we received the referenced GAO final report (Report Number GAO-06-152C dated October 31, 2005). Since the report contains recommendation to the Department, 31 U.S.C. 720 requires a response be provided to the Congress within 60 days of the date of the report. To meet the suspense, the unsigned DoD proposed response is due in our office by **December 22, 2005**. Collateral action offices (CAOs) should review the GAO final report and provide input to your office by **December 19, 2005**.

The GAO provided a revised draft report for DoD comment in July 2005. The GAO discusses the DoD comments to the draft report on pages 4 and 5, and 36 through 38 of the final report. The entire DoD response is reprinted at Appendix III.

To meet the legal requirement, please prepare a letter to GAO addressed to Mr. Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, 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 Final Report, GAO-06-152C, "REBUILDING IRAQ: DOD Reports Should Link Economic, Governance, and Security Indicators to Conditions for Stabilizing Iraq," dated October 31, 2005 (GAO Code 320305)." The letter should then acknowledge receipt of the final report and note that DoD's official written comments are included in the report; reiterate that the DoD overall position on the report has not changed, assuming this is the case; and update the status of any agreed-to action. The letter may also include any additional general comments that the DoD wishes to provide.

Once we receive your proposed response, we will review and coordinate it with selected OSD components before authorizing its release to GAO and Congress. If your staff will not be able to provide a proposed response by the due date, please advise us as soon as a delay becomes evident.

We are providing copies of this tasking and the draft report to the collateral action offices and to your primary action officer, **Ms. Peter Velz, 703-697-6551, e-mail peter.velz@wso.whs.mil**. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gopal K. Jain, 703-604-9625, e-mail gopal.jain@dodig.mil. If he is not available, please contact Ms. Kimberly A. Gray, 703-604-9621, e-mail kimberly.gray@dodig.mil. Our fax number is 703-604-9608.

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