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Mullen gave a Foreign Press Center briefing today; in the pre-brief his staff gave him Adm. Stavridis's statement on the QDDR. In the Q and A he went on a long riff about State Dept must have the necessary resources to carry out its diplomatic responsibilities. He said that DOS budget had been cut to the bone in 1990s and this meant DOD had to shoulder more civilian responsibilities. Must find the right balance and he advocates strongly for this and a more robust DOS budget. Small diplomatic investment at start of a crisis saves a lot of money in the long run. AM

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