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Subject: FW: New DoD Office for Rule of Law and International Humanitarian Policy

Further to my last email, we received this on Friday and are trying to find out what, if anything, it means. I'll let you know what we find out.

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From: [redacted] CIV OSD POLICY [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 1:08 PM

Subject: New DoD Office for Rule of Law and International Humanitarian Policy

Friends,

I wanted to let you know about the creation of a new Defense Department Office for Rule of Law and International Humanitarian Policy. This office will be the focal point for OSD activities relating to democratic accountability, rule of law, human rights and international humanitarian policy, and will work with other DoD components, interagency partners, Congress and non-governmental actors to identify new initiatives in these areas.

This is a "first" for DoD, and I hope that this office, which I'll be heading up, will become an enduring symbol of President Obama and Secretary Gates' commitment to core norms of international humanitarian law, human rights and democratic accountability. These core norms are important in their own right, and also essential to our success in missions ranging from counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism to humanitarian assistance and stability operations.

This new office was announced within OSD Policy last week, but it will likely take us a few months to get fully staffed up and sort out various remaining details. As a result, we anticipate a gradual start-up; we'll be taking on projects and issues as resources permit. For the next couple of months, we will be mostly in the planning stage, and I'd very much welcome your suggestions (both now and once the office is fully up and running).

I will also remain dual-hatted as Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USDP), and in that capacity will continue to lead Policy's Global Strategic Engagement Team (GSET).

Thanks, and I look forward to working with you over the coming months.

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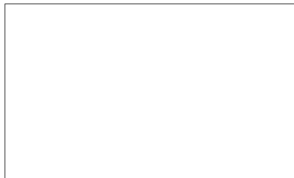
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