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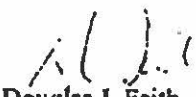
SUBJECT: Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Special Plans and Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs (SP/NESA)

I have expanded the responsibilities of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Near East and South Asian Affairs (NESA) as a result of September 11<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the normal duties associated with NESA, I have given them the primary responsibility within Policy for the war on terrorism.

To accomplish this task, I established a new Directorate for Special Plans in NESA to work with the Joint Staff, Combatant Commands, and the interagency in developing U.S. strategy and policy in fighting terrorists and nations that support them. As a result, the number of personnel under Dr. Luti's leadership has nearly doubled.

In recognition of Dr Bill Luti's performance as DASD/NESA over the past year, along with his increased responsibilities resulting from the war on terrorism, I recommend that he be promoted to Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Special Plans and Near East and South Asian Affairs in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. I have discussed this proposal with the Secretary of Defense and he concurs.

I appreciate your favorable consideration of this nomination and request your concurrence of Dr. Luti's reassignment to this position by 30 August 2002.

  
Douglas J. Feith

COORDINATION:  
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