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FROM: Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs
(Peter W. Rodman, 695-4351)

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SUBJECT: Links between Al-Qaida and Iraq

- You observed that we had not made much progress on the links between Iraq and Al-Qaida, and that we owed SecDef some analysis on the subject. You asked for a recommendation on how to proceed with the analysis.
- We provided an initial analysis by the Policy Counter Terrorism Evaluation Group (PCTEG) (next under) on 25 Jan. The PCTEG is co-chaired by William Luti and Robert Andrews, and is staffed primarily with hand-selected detailees from DIA. *How many people?*
- The analytical focus of the PCTEG is to:
 - Study Al-Qaida's worldwide organization including its suppliers, its relations with States (including Iraq) and with other terrorist organizations (and their suppliers).
 - Identify "chokepoints" of cooperation and coordination.
 - Identify vulnerabilities.
 - Recommend strategies to render the terrorist networks ineffective.
- We will provide you with a further analysis of the Iraq-Al Qaida connection within two weeks with suggestions on how to exploit the connection and recommended strategies.

COORDINATION: Tab A

Attachments: a/s

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