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September 13, 2002

FOR: DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: JACQUELINE G. ARENDS, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE
SECRETARY FOR WHITE HOUSE LIAISON *J. Bern*

SUBJECT: Candidate Approval Position Adjustment -- Luti

- Your approval is requested to establish the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Special Plans/Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs and to reassign William Luti to this position. With your approval, Mr. Luti's name will go forward to Presidential Personnel for a final decision.
- Mr. Luti is currently serving this Administration as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Near East and South Asian Affairs. Doug Feith is supportive of this transition (Tab A) and informal liaison indicates WH Personnel supports his candidacy.
- Resume is attached- Tab B

RECOMMENDATION: Approve forwarding candidate to the White House.

DepSecDef Approval:
Other:

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Prepared by:

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Attachment:
As stated

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FOR: SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
FOR WHITE HOUSE LIAISON

THROUGH: DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

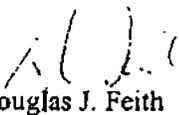
SUBJECT: Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Special Plans and Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs (SP/NESA)

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 11th. 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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