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TO: Paul Wolfowitz
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld
SUBJECT: Putin's Statement

Russia

If you meet with Ivanov in Europe, I think you ought to ask him about Putin's statement in the press that Putin warned us about Usama bin Laden, and whether the press reports are correct.

Putin may have raised the issue, but the statement reported suggests that the U.S. government had a warning that he was going to do what he did, and that is not true to my knowledge.

Thanks.

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