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ACTION MEMO

FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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

PMR 28 AUG 2002

SUBJECT: SD Proactive Dignitary Plan Chart

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with recommendations to invite/host and/or visit selected officials from key countries within the Office of International Security Affairs (ISA) area of responsibility (AOR).

Dignitary	Country	Type of Invite	Proposed Date
Minister of Defense (MoD) Tra	Vietnam	US Invite	NOV 02
MoD Chawalit	Thailand	US Invite	Spring 03
MoD Najib bin Abdul Razak	Malaysia	Foreign Invite	OPEN
MoD/Chief of Defense Forces, Air Marshall Ferguson	New Zealand	Self Invite	OCT 02
*MoD Field Marshall Tantawi	Egypt	SECDEF Hosting	17 SEP 02
Foreign Minister (FM) Jassem	Qatar	Self Invite	12 or 13 SEP 02
MoD Ramirez	Colombia	US Invite	DEC 02
*MoD Bachelet	Chile	Self Invite	8 OCT 02
MoD Dr. Jaunarena	Argentina	US Invite	FEB 03
MoD Brezzo	Uruguay	US Invite	APR 03
MoD Lekany ole Sunkuli	Kenya	US Invite	MAR 03
MoD Lekota	South Africa	US Invite	JUN 03
Mod Walewa	Ethiopian	US Invite	SEP 03

US Invite-Recommend you extend an invitation for a visit to Washington

Self Invite-Dignitary requests a visit with you in Washington

Foreign Invite-An invitation is extended for you to visit the dignitary in host nation

SECDEF Hosting-You are currently scheduled to host

OPEN-No time period established

*SECDEF has already agreed to meet.



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RECOMMENDATION: That you invite/host and/or visit the above mentioned MoDs and or other mentioned dignitaries.

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TO: C.D.

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Near East and South Asia Affairs

- **Egyptian MoD, Field Marshal Tantawi.** You are currently scheduled to host MOD Tantawi in September.
 - ✓ While there are several important NESA regional defense leaders with whom you should meet, most of them are heads of state and therefore must receive a presidential invitation. A trip to the region would allow you to meet with these leaders.
 - ✓ In addition, in several cases, inviting a dignitary from one country might generally require invitations to its neighbors (i.e. inviting the Algerian MoD would require invitations to Morocco and Tunisia as well).

Western Hemisphere Affairs

- **Incoming Colombia Minister of Defense (MoD) designee Ramirez.** Recommend inviting two to three months after President Uribe's August inauguration and after Colombia develops a national security strategy/national military strategy.
- **Chile's MoD Bachelet.** Recommend approving the self-invite currently in staffing. The self-invite is related to the Defense Ministerial of the Americas (DMA).
- **Argentine MoD Dr. Jaunarena.** Argentina is a major non-NATO ally. It is also important to show support to the Argentine military during this period of Argentine economic crisis. Recommend you invite to the Pentagon.
- **Uruguay MoD Brezzo.** He is a strong USG supporter demonstrated by his decision to cut off relations with Cuba, support USG on child soldier issue, and offer to replace U.S. peacekeepers to free up troops for Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). Recommend you invite to the Pentagon or visit.

Africa Affairs

I recommend you agree to meet or visit with the following Defense Ministers.

- **Kenyan MoD Lekany ole Sunkuli.** Kenya is the most important country in East Africa both for political and economic reasons. Kenya is also a long time loyal troop contributor to UN peacekeeping and a current player in OEF.
- **South African MoD Lekota.** South Africa is the preeminent state in Africa, a pillar country for Africa policy and participant in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT).

- **Ethiopian MoD Walewa.** Ethiopia is a rising power in Africa, also a pillar for US policy and a crucial ally in OEF.

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