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TO: The Honorable Dr. Condoleezza Rice  
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld   
SUBJECT: Afghan National Police

Please take a look at the attached pages 41 and 42 of the Afghanistan Security Update. This is the Afghan National Police situation. It is a serious problem.

My impression is that these two pages were written in as graceful and non-inflammatory a way as is humanly possible.

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## ANP Horror Stories

- Current Basic Training Course insufficient to produce quality police officer – 8 week course does not include weapons or drivers training
- Of the 34,000 "trained" police officers only 3,900 have been through the 8 week course, the rest have been through two week transition courses, 4 week illiterate course or similar type courses
- **ANP** demonstrated basic logistical planning shortcomings on its recent operations in Shindand when it deployed police without food, water, sufficient ammunition, cold weather clothing, blankets, etc
- Unlike for the **ANA**, where **OMC-A** provides over **1500** field mentors, the **ANP** has no formal field mentor program; the Germans provide approximately 6 mentors and **UNAMA** 9 mentors
- Lack of **ANP** Literacy seriously impacts on the MoI's objective of achieving a quality police force; and yet the only **ANP** Literacy program is a German program in Konduz for 200 officers
- Lack of formal recruiting plan for the **ANP** is contributing to the under utilization of capacity at four of the five RTCs
- The **ANP** currently only has approximately 50% of the required rolling stock on hand



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- The **ANP** currently only has less than **15%** of the required communications equipment on-hand
- The **ANP** is currently "Rank Heavy" with one officer for every **two** sergeants/patrolmen; to implement pay reform, thus raising the quality of recruits, will require immediate reform
- Basic infrastructure to include border crossing points, police station, training ranges, maintenance facilities is either lacking or in need of renovation; the **IC** estimates the need for over 800 projects
- The **ANP** has less than **15%** of the required weapons on-hand (one can not rely upon the **AK-47s** that it currently possesses as DDR results have shown that a majority of them are, in fact, unserviceable
- **INL** currently issues limited clothing to a police officer that graduates from the RTC/CTC – pants, shirt, utility belt, hat; the **IC** estimates a need for approximately **3.4** million items to include cold weather gear, boots, sleeping bags, etc
- Basic ammunition for training and operations is required