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TO: Gen. Myers

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FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *DR*

SUBJECT: Afghanistan

Does the fact that the Defense Department can't do anything on the ground in Afghanistan until CIA people go in first to prepare **the way** suggest that the Defense Department is lacking a capability we need?

Specifically, given the nature of our world, isn't it conceivable that the Department ought not to be in a position of near total dependence on CIA in situations such as this?

After you have reflected on this, please come back to me with a coordinated proposal as to what we might want to do about it, if anything.

Thanks.

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