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To: Foreign Affairs Legislative Assistant
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Re: Turkey's refusal to allow a northern front in the Iraq War

I wanted to share with you a very insightful excerpt from yesterday's "Meet the Press" on NBC.

In this exchange, Secretary of State Donald Rumsfeld notes the ongoing cost - in terms of fighting the insurgency - that was created by Turkey's refusal to allow U.S. troops to open a northern front in the Iraq War.

MEET THE PRESS WITH TIM RUSSERT

Transcript for 2/6/05

MR. RUSSERT: In hindsight, do you wish we had sent more troops on the ground in Iraq initially?

SEC'Y RUMSFELD: I wish that we could have gotten the 4th Infantry Division in from the north, so that it would have been able to put more pressure on the Baathist regime and probably capture more of the Baathists that today are part of the insurgency. But in terms of the total numbers of troops that went in, we finally got the 4th ID in, but it had to come in from the south. So it was not as effective as had it come in through Turkey.

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