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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

SUBJECT: Army Unit Rotation Plan in Support of Global War on Terrorism

The Secretary of Defense has approved the Army's plan for moving major combat units into and out of Iraq and other theaters of operation. It should be no surprise to any deployable Army unit – active or Reserve Component – that they can be called to serve in a combat zone. All available forces will be made available to deploy in support of ongoing operations. The Army continues to perform training and readiness duties as it normally would in preparation for possible contingencies or deployments. The Army's role is to ensure Combatant Commanders are provided the forces and capabilities they require to accomplish their missions.

The Army will start to redeploy home the remainder of the 3rd Infantry Division in September 2003. The primary rotation plan centers on brigade-sized force packages for approximately one-year deployments with the goal of establishing 6-month rotations after Operation Iraqi Freedom 2 (OIF2). The overall size of the Army commitment to this mission will take into account contributions by our Coalition partner's plans to support the theater. Likewise, efforts are underway to recruit an Iraqi army and to put up to 60,000 Iraqi policemen back to work. There is no doubt that the transition from dictatorship to democracy will take time, but our soldiers will help leave behind a free Iraq.

Operation Iraqi Freedom

OIF 1 (approximately 1 year)***		OIF2***	Projected
3 rd Infantry Division (-)	Replaced by	82 ^d Airborne Division (-)*	SEP-OCT 03
4 th Infantry Division	Replaced by	1 st Infantry Division w/ eSB**	MAR-APR 04
1 st Armored Division	Replaced by	1 st CAV Division w/ eSB**	FEB - APR 04
2 nd Light CAV Regiment		1 st CAV Division w/ eSB**	MAR-APR 04
3 rd Armored CAV Regiment	Overlaps w/	3 rd Brigade, 2 nd ID (SBCT)	
(SBCT deploys in OCT 03 – 3rd ACR redeploys MAR-APR 04)			
101 st Airborne Division (AASLT)	Replaced by	Coalition Division	FEB/MAR 04
2 nd Brigade, 82 ^d Airborne Div	Redeploys		JAN 04
173 rd Airborne Brigade	Redeploys		APR 04

***6-Month Rotation**

**** Enhanced Separate Brigades (eSB – ARNG – 270 Day PSRC)- TBD**

***** OIF 1 and OIF 2 are 12 Month Rotations**

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Operation Enduring Freedom - Afghanistan

OEF – A3 **OEF- A4** **Projected**

82^d Airborne Division (-) Replaced by 10th Mountain Division (-) AUG 03

OEF – A4 **OEF – A5** **Projected**

10th Mountain Division (-) Replaced by 25th Infantry Division (-) FEB 04

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Additionally, the National Guard and reserve have been used in a variety of peacekeeping operations around the globe, including Bosnia, Kosovo and the Multi-national Force and Observers mission in the Sinai. They have a demonstrated mission capability for peacekeeping operations. They are fully capable of ensuring that humanitarian and post-conflict operations in Iraq are not interrupted.

Bosnia – SFOR **Projected**

35th Infantry Division (-) Replaced by 34th Infantry Division (-) SEP 03
(KS ARNG) (MN ARNG)

Kosovo – KFOR

1st Infantry Division (-) Replaced by 28th Infantry Division (-) FEB 04
(PA ARNG)

Sinai - MFO

1-133d Infantry, 34 ID Replaced by 1-125th Infantry, 38th ID JAN 04
(IA ARNG) (MI ARNG)

All 6-Month Rotations

We owe it to our soldiers and their families to provide them with timely notifications for deployments and predictability of the length of those deployments. The Nation's soldiers have done and will continue to perform their duties in the proudest tradition of the United States Army.

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