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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF ROYAL NAVY PARTY 1002 ON DIEGO
GARCIA

1. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. PLEASE SEE PARA THREE
BELOW.

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2. BRITISH SUPPORT AT DIEGO GARCIA IS ESSENTIAL TO
EXECUTING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM SUCCESSFULLY AND
MAINTAINING STABILITY IN THE ARABIAN GULF REGION.
THE UNITED KINGDOM'S DETACHMENT, ROYAL NAVY PARTY 1002,
ON DIEGO GARCIA EXEMPLIFIES THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF
COOPERATION AND FLEXIBILITY IN CONDUCTING MILITARY
MISSIONS. ROYAL NAVY PARTY 1002'S EFFORTS ARE GREATLY
APPRECIATED.

3. PLEASE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO JACK
STRAW, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH
AFFAIRS, FROM SECRETARY POWELL. THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT

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PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF
HMG WISHES TO DO SO. THERE WILL BE NO SIGNED ORIGINAL.

4. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR JACK:

I WISH TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS
OF ROYAL NAVY PARTY 1002 ON DIEGO GARCIA IN SUPPORT OF
THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM. IN PARTICULAR, I WOULD LIKE
TO HIGHLIGHT THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF COMMANDER ADAM
PETERS, COMMANDING OFFICER OF ROYAL NAVY PARTY 1002, WHO
ACTED DECISIVELY TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEEDS OF UNITED STATES
AND OTHER COALITION FORCES AT A CRITICAL TIME.

ROYAL NAVY PARTY 1002 DEMONSTRATED SUPERLATIVE COOPERATION
WITH THE UNITED STATES WHILE CONDUCTING OPERATIONS ON
DIEGO GARCIA. THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMBINED DEFENSE FORCE
FOR THE ISLAND EXEMPLIFIED THIS SPECIAL COOPERATION AND
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ENABLED THE UNITED STATES AND SIX ADDITIONAL COALITION
COUNTRIES TO OPERATE SUCCESSFULLY FROM THE PROTECTION OF
THE FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA. IN ADDITION, ROYAL NAVY
PARTY 1002'S SUPPORT IN MODIFYING THE LOGISTIC FOOTPRINT
ON THE ISLAND PROVIDED A SMOOTHLY FUNCTIONING
FORWARD-OPERATING BASE FOR THE UNITED STATES AND ITS
COALITION PARTNERS. WE ARE HAPPY THAT WE CAN RELY ON YOU
FOR CONTINUED COOPERATION.

I AM CONVINCED THAT ROYAL NAVY PARTY 1002'S ABILITY TO
OPERATE QUICKLY AND DECISIVELY IN A DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENT
HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR WAR EFFORT. THIS
UNPARALLELED SUPPORT FOR THE FORCES ON DIEGO GARCIA
STRENGTHENED THE "ONE ISLAND, ONE MISSION, ONE TEAM"
PHILOSOPHY THAT IS SO DEEPLY SHARED BETWEEN OUR
GOVERNMENTS.

PLEASE EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES TO YOUR MINISTRY OF DEFENSE FOR THE SUPERB
ACHIEVEMENTS OF COMMANDER ADAM PETERS AND ROYAL NAVY
PARTY 1002.

SINCERELY,

COLIN L. POWELL

END TEXT.

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5. DEPARTMENT POINT OF CONTACT IS COMMANDER STEVE
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