



SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEFS OF SERVICES
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS

I understand you received a request from the Congress to provide your assessment of unfunded military requirements resulting from the FY 2010 President's budget.

I am told the provision of unfunded requirements lists to the Congress is a longstanding practice that dates back over a decade. As you are aware, the existing statutory framework provides for members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to make recommendations to the Congress "after first informing the Secretary of Defense."

Accordingly, should you determine there are FY 2010 unfunded requirements that are responsive to the request from the Congress, I expect you to first inform me of such a determination so we can schedule the opportunity for you to brief me on the details.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Gates".

cc:
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Secretaries of the Military Departments
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)



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