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To: Foreign Affairs Legislative Assistant
From: Aram S. Hamparian, Executive Director
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Re: Secretary of Defense again cites ongoing costs of Turkey's refusal to allow a northern front in the Iraq War.

Below please find an interesting excerpt from a recent (2/3/05) interview on CNN's *Larry King Live* with Secretary of State Donald Rumsfeld.

In this interview, as in other statements, the Secretary points out that the scope and depth of the current insurgency in Iraq is due, to a substantial degree, to Turkey's failure to allow U.S. forces to open a northern front in the Iraq War.



Transcript for 2/3/05

KING: Let's get into some things. What about this whole Iraq operation, frankly, surprised you, beginning to end? Beginning to now?

RUMSFELD: [...] One of the things that didn't go right was we were not able to get the 4th Infantry Division in from the north through Turkey. And because of that, the Sunnis north of Baghdad never really got engaged in the war and an insufficient number were captured and killed in that part of the country. And they didn't really ever experience the full power of the United States military.

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