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From: DiBenedetto, Joy (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 23:23
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Spider on invite list

Hello Dallas – thank you so much for adding General Marks to your list. I appreciate it. I may take you up on your offer someday!

In the meantime, let me know if there is anything that I can do for you.

All the best,
Joy

From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA [mailto:Dallas.Lawrence@ (b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 7:19 PM
To: DiBenedetto, Joy; Shepdonald (AOL.com)
Cc: (b)(6) Grange (Tribune)
Subject: RE: Spider on invite list

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Subject: Re: Spider on invite list

Resending so Dallas receives...thank you again General Shepperd...

-----Original Message-----

From: DiBenedetto, Joy
To: (b)(6)

CC: (b)(6) 'dallas.lawrence@(b)(6) 'dgrange@(b)(6)
Sent: Mon Apr 17 19:02:56 2006
Subject: Re: Spider on invite list

Thank you very much General Shepperd. You are kind to do this and I am grateful for your help, as always.

Dallas, I'm not quite sure who you've dealt with here at CNN but you can always feel free to contact me for any CNN reason and if I'm not the right person I can certainly be sure to get you to the right person. My contacts are below and my Cell phone is always on, day or night.

Many thanks to both you General Shepperd and to you Dallas.

All the best for today and of course tomorrow...

Joy

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-----Original Message-----

From: shepdonald@aol.com
To: DiBenedetto, Joy
CC: (b)(6) dallas.lawrence@(b)(6) Grange (Tribune)
Sent: Mon Apr 17 18:40:30 2006
Subject: Spider on invite list

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Dallas told me he has repeatedly tried to get various networks to tell him who their analysts are with no reply. I do not know how they decide who goes on the lists - you can ask Dallas, but I suspect it is those who regularly appear on the tube/radio/print covering Dod and the GWOT.

I do not know who has been invited tomorrow, but am informed one of those calling for Rumsfeld's resignation has been invited - no clue who - I am also told this is SECDEF's 16th such session. I have probably been at 12 and SECDEF has attended all but one. The format has been: a one-hour background session with a Dod briefer (sometimes civilian, sometimes mil) on the latest hot topic, non-attribution, then the SECDEF comes in with Gen. Myers for a quick sandwich lunch and Q&A, staying between 30 minutes and 2 hours (SECDEF stays average 45 min-1 hr.).

In addition there are conference calls with an 800 number - now average once/week-week and a half - background non-attribution 20-min-30 min brief + Q&A on hot topics. Normally lasts 1 hour.

Early during the war we had weekly meetings with SECDEF, then bi-weekly, monthly, has petered out as war goes on to every few months. Average attendance has been 20, low 15, high 35. Most attendees have former military experience.

The atmosphere in the sessions has always been respectful, but there are some tough questions - I would compare it to the Pentagon Press conferences in tenor.

Don