BUSH STAYS THE COURSE, WHILE ALLIES CHANGE COURSE:

As the British Pull Out, the National Guard Goes Back In

LEADING REPUBLICANS VOICE CONCERN OVER BRITISH PULLOUT

Senator John Warner (R-VA): *"What I'm worried about is that the American public will be quite perplexed by the president adding forces while our principal ally is subtracting forces. That is the burden we are being left with here." [The Washington Post, 2/22/07]*

Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA): *[On the notion that the British pullback actually signals success]: "I think it's Alice in Wonderland looking through the looking glass." [The Washington Post, 2/22/07]*

THE U.S. ADDS MORE TROOPS AS ALLIES ARE PULLING OUT:

- **The United States has roughly 135,000 troops in Iraq and the President plans to add an additional 21,500 by May 2007.**

NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS HAVE TO RETURN UP TO TWO YEARS EARLY:

- In order to meet the demands of President Bush's escalation, the Pentagon is planning to send **14,000 National Guard troops to Iraq next year earlier than planned**, shortening the length of time between deployments.
  - Oklahoma – brigade not scheduled to go back to Iraq until 2010
  - Ohio – brigade not scheduled to go back to Iraq until 2009
  - Indiana – brigade not scheduled to go back to Iraq until 2009
  - Arkansas – brigade not scheduled to go back to Iraq until 2009
    [NY Times, 2/22/07]

THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTORS TO THE COALITION ARE REDUCING FORCES:

- **United Kingdom – 7,100 → 5,500 in "coming months"** and, according to news reports, all British forces are expected to be withdrawn by the end of 2008. [CNN, 2/21/07; The Guardian, 2/21/07]
- **South Korea – 2,300 → 1,100 to be withdrawn by April 2007**; Parliament wants complete troop withdrawal by end of 2007 [AP, 2/21/07]

TOTAL NUMBER OF TROOPS FROM REMAINING PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES:

4,395 (Countries: Poland, Romania, Australia, El Salvador, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Latvia, Albania, Czech Republic, Mongolia, Lithuania, Armenia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Estonia, Macedonia, Kazakhstan, The Netherlands, and Slovenia; does not include Denmark's 460 troops the government just announced would be withdrawn by the end of summer 2007)

AVERAGE TROOP COMMITMENT PER COUNTRY: 220 – however, nearly half of the participating countries have committed **100 or fewer** troops to the coalition. (Czech Republic, Lithuania, Armenia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Estonia, Macedonia, Kazakhstan, The Netherlands, and Slovenia)

NUMBER OF COUNTRIES NO LONGER PARTICIPATING IN THE COALITION: 16
(Hungary, Nicaragua, Spain, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Philippines, Thailand, New Zealand, Tonga, Portugal, Singapore, Norway, Ukraine, Japan, Italy, and Slovakia.)

COUNTRIES TRANSITIONING OUT OF THE COALITION: 2

- Moldova's 11 troops recently returned home and the country has not decided whether or not to send in a new deployment. [AP, 2/21/07]
- Denmark's government announced plans to withdraw their 460 troops by August 2007. [CNN, 2/21/07]

Sources: GlobalSecurity.org; Department of Defense; media reports.

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