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MEMORANDUM FOR Inspector General, Department of Defense, 400 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202-4704

SUBJECT: Draft Audit Report, Status of Training Vehicles for U.S. Ground Forces Deploying in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (Project No. D2007-D000LH-0108.001)

1. Reference Draft Report, Inspector General, 9 June 2008, subject as above.
2. Forces Command (FORSCOM) has reviewed the subject report and appreciates its insight on ways to improve the Army's training capability at the Joint Readiness Training Center. Forces Command concurs with the report's conclusion; however, this Command recommends the report's recommendation be revised for reasons stated in paragraph 3.
3. Forces Command provides the following comments to the recommendation.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Commander, U.S. Army Forces Command deliver the remaining up-armored High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles to the Joint Readiness Training Center to ensure that the fleet of prepositioned vehicles is modernized for units training to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Command Comments. Concur with the recommended end state; however, Forces Command (FORSCOM) recommends that it be rewritten as follows: "We recommend that the Commander, U.S. Army Forces Command, in coordination with the Department of the Army Staff, obtain and deliver the remaining up-armored High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles to the Joint Readiness Training Center to ensure that the fleet of prepositioned vehicles is modernized for units training to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Rationale: Forces Command concurs with the recommended end state but does not have the equipment or the authority to achieve it as indicated by the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Department of the Army (DA) G-3/5/7 prioritizes new equipment allocations and DA G-8 provides equipment to Army Forces Command based on these priorities for distribution to the Army Combat Training Centers.