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**CURRENT ASSIGNMENTS:** David Samuel Sedney is Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs.

**PAST EXPERIENCE:** Mr. Sedney was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia from 2007-2009. He served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing from 2004-2007. Previously Mr. Sedney was Deputy Chief of Mission at the United States Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan from 2003-2004, where he was Charge d'Affaires from August through November 2003.

Mr. Sedney was also Deputy Chief of Mission in Kabul in 2002, after the re-opening of the Embassy. Mr. Sedney was Director for Afghanistan at the National Security Council (2003), Senior Advisor in the State Department's Office of e-Diplomacy (2002), Senior Advisor to John Negroponte, United States Ambassador to the United Nations (2001-2002), Deputy Director of the State Department's Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs (1999-2001), and Special Assistant to Stephen Sestanovich, Ambassador-at-Large and Special Representative for the Newly Independent States (1997-1998).

Earlier, Mr. Sedney served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the United States Embassy in Baku, Azerbaijan (1995-1997), Political-Military Officer at the United States Embassy in Beijing, China (1991-1994) and Political Officer, Refugee Officer and Consular Officer at the United States Embassy in Bucharest, Romania (1985-1987). He was a Watch Officer at the State Department's Operations Center (1987-1988) and Duty Officer and Senior Duty Officer at the White House Situation Room (1988-1989).

Before joining the State Department, Mr. Sedney spent five years as a house-husband in Bern, Switzerland; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Williamstown, Massachusetts, raising three daughters. Mr. Sedney also taught courses at North Adams State College and Williams College. Earlier he worked for the United States Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division after stints as a factory worker, truck driver and taxicab driver.

Mr. Sedney is a graduate of Princeton University and Suffolk University School of Law. He attended Louisiana State University's School of Law where he studied Law of the Sea and International Law. Mr. Sedney is a distinguished graduate of the National War College. He

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speaks Romanian, Mandarin Chinese and Azerbaijani. Mr. Sedney has received the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service, the Department of State's Superior Honor Award six times, and Department of State's Meritorious Honor Award twice.

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**DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENCE FOR CENTRAL ASIA , DAVID SEDNEY  
BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM**

**Afghanistan and Pakistan: Resourcing the Civilian surge**

Chairman, Members of the Committee; thank you for the opportunity to appear today with my interagency colleagues.

As you know, the President's strategic review of Afghanistan and Pakistan recommended a dramatic increase in U.S. and international civilian efforts in Afghanistan. Beyond our own analysis this conclusion was based on extensive consultation with our allies, partners, and friends, and particularly with the United Nations. The challenge is to ensure that we integrate this increased civilian effort with military efforts.

The Department of State, USAID, USDA and other civilian agencies are currently implementing a civilian increase of more than 400 personnel to be in place throughout Afghanistan by March 2010.

DoD is working closely with our interagency partners to ensure that civilians deploying into theater will be integrated into our military effort and have the military support they need. In February 2009, for instance, CENTCOM pledged to support additional civilians with security, lodging, work space, and mobility as may be required. DoD also is discussing with the State Department whether or not additional civilian personnel may be

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required beyond those already identified. Should a need arise for more civilian experts, DoD stands ready to support our State Department colleagues as needed. We have the Civilian Expeditionary Workforce (CEW), for example, to quickly provide such civilian expertise.

In his May 11 memorandum, Secretary Gates directed USD (Personnel and Readiness) to “identify civilian employees capable of deploying to Afghanistan in support of U.S. government initiatives” The memorandum is intended only to identify personnel in anticipation of Department of State requests.

The Civilian Expeditionary Workforce personnel and former employees are pre-identified and can respond within 90 days to support DoD and State-led operations.

Planning is under way to ensure civilians arriving in country will be integrated with the military units on the ground. The Integrated Civilian-Military Action Group, ICMAG, located in Embassy Kabul, formed in November 2008 as an interagency team to improve USG-wide coordination along all lines of effort has the lead in this effort. However, as many of our additional military forces will be deploying to the south of Afghanistan, outside the U.S.-led area of operations, a key challenge will be to integrate expanded civilian efforts with our partners from the UK, Canada, the Netherlands, and elsewhere. We already are working closely with these key partners to synchronize our efforts with theirs in a way that will be mutually reinforcing.

Thank you again. I look forward to your questions.

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