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SUBJECT: FY 08 Strategic Language List

The approved Department of Defense Strategic Language List (SLL) for Fiscal Year 2008 is attached (FOUO).

Please address any questions to my point of contact in the Defense Language Office, Mr. BJ Sanchez at (703) 696-8716, roberto.sanchez@osd.pentagon.mil.

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Department of Defense Interim FY08 Strategic Languages List (SLL)

Immediate Investment Languages

Arabic [1]
Chinese [2]
French
Languages of India [3]
Languages of Indonesia [4]
Japanese
Korean
Pashto (Pushtu) [5]
Persian [6]
Portuguese
Russian
Spanish
Turkic Languages [7]
Urdu

- [1] Includes only Modern Standard Arabic (MSA), Algerian, Egyptian, Gulf, Iraqi, and Levantine dialects
[2] Includes only Mandarin, Cantonese, Gan, and Wu
[3] Includes only Hindi, Punjabi, Tamil, Telegu, Malayalam and Kanarese
[4] Includes only Indonesian and Javanese
[5] Includes Pashto-Afghan
[6] Includes only Afghan (Dari) and Iranian (Farsi) Dialects
[7] Includes only Turkish and Turkmen

Stronghold Languages

Bengali
Cambodian
Languages of Africa [1]
Kurdi (Kurdish)
Malay
Serbo-Croatian
Tagalog
Thai
Turkic Languages [2]
Vietnamese

- [1] Includes only Hausa, Igbo, Swahili and Yoruba
[2] Includes only Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Uyghur, and Uzbek

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