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The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld  
Secretary of Defense  
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The purpose of this trip is to investigate U.S. counter-narcotics policy, a matter which the committee has jurisdiction, and to attend the Fourth Interparliamentary Trans-Atlantic Drug Conference in Bolivia.

I request that the Department of Defense furnish such assistance as may be required, including transportation to facilitate this trip. It would also be appreciated if the Department of Army OCIL here in the Rayburn Building be assigned to escort the CODEL.

Transportation by military aircraft is authorized. Commercial aircraft, business class, including Foreign carriers when US-flag carriers are not available, is also authorized if deemed essential to the completion of the mission. The expenditure of funds for the payment of actual and necessary expenses and such transportation as may be required is authorized by 31 U.S.C. 1108(g). It is requested that all expenditures pursuant to the CODEL visit to Key West, Florida be funded by DoD.

For purposes of protocol, Members spouses will be authorized to accompany the delegation at no additional expense to the U.S. Government. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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