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The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld Secretary of Defense Washington, DC 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is to advise you that Committee members Gibbons and Hutchinson, along with Mr. Timothy Sample and Mr. Christopher Barton, professional staff members of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, will be participating in Codel Graham with me. We will be traveling to Colombia, Venezuela, and Ecuador, and returning to Washington, D.C. during the period of March 8-12, 2001.

It would be appreciated if the Department of Defense could furnish whatever assistance might be required, to include military aircraft, escort officer and the payment of actual and necessary expenses as may be required to facilitate the accomplishment of this mission. Expenditure of funds for the payment of such expenses as may be required is authorized by Section 1108(g) of Title 31, U.S. Code Annotated.

If you have any questions concerning this trip, please contact Megan Stifel at 202-225-4121.

Best regards

Porter J. Goss

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