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The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is an update to a letter dated May 8, 2001, regarding Codel Ballenger. I have authorized the Honorable Nick Smith (R-MI), Member of the House International Relations Committee (HIRC); the Honorable William D. Delahunt (D-MA), Member of HIRC; Mr. Caleb McCarr, Staff Director, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere (WHEM), HIRC; and Mr. Ted Brennan, Professional Staff Member, WHEM, HIRC, to join Codel Ballenger and travel on official business to El Salvador, Colombia and Brazil from May 29 through June 2, 2001. For purposes of protocol Members spouses will be authorized to accompany the delegation at no additional expense to the U.S. Government.

The purpose of this trip is to evaluate the progress of earthquake recovery efforts in El Salvador and to visit facilities involved with the implementation of Plan Colombia.

I request the Department of Defense furnish such assistance as may be required, including transportation, to facilitate this trip. It is also requested that the Marines be assigned to escort this trip. The expenditure of funds for the payment of actual and necessary expenses of such transportation as may be required is authorized pursuant to Title 31, U.S.C. 1108(g).

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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