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The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

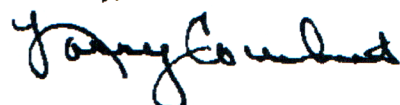
Authorization is hereby granted to The Honorable Collin Peterson, a member of this Committee, to travel with CODEL Ballenger on official business to El Salvador, Colombia and Brazil on or about May 29 - June 2, 2001. The purpose of this trip is to examine all aspects of agricultural trade between the U.S. and these countries

Necessary expenses and other authorized costs in connection with this travel shall be paid from appropriations available for examination of estimates in the field under authority of 31 U.S.C. 1108(g).

It would also be appreciated if officials of the Department would assist in making whatever arrangements are necessary for this travel, and that a military aircraft be provided. Commercial air travel is also authorized through the Department of State if needed.

Spouses are authorized to travel for purpose of protocol at no expense to the U.S. government.

Sincerely,



Larry Combest
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