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The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
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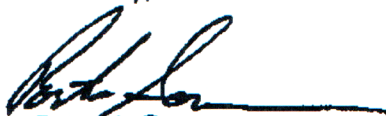
Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is to advise you that Christopher Barton, a staff member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, will be accompanying CODEL Ballenger to El Salvador, Colombia and Brazil during the period May 29 through June 2, 2001.

It would be appreciated if the Department of Defense could furnish whatever assistance might be necessary, to include transportation by military aircraft, 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 Ms. Ilene Romack at 225-7690.

Sincerely,



Porter J. Goss
Chairman

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