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December 5, 2001

The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is a letter to authorize Government Reform Committee staffers Chris Donesa, Gil Macklin, and Kevin Long to travel to Colombia and Venezuela on official business from December 17-21, 2001.

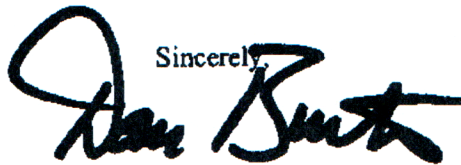
Representatives from the DEA and U.S. Coast Guard have been invited to travel with the staff.

I request that the Department of Defense furnish such assistance as may be required. Also, I request that the Army, specifically the Army Liaison Office in the Rayburn Building be assigned to accompany the delegation. The expenditure of funds for the payment of actual and necessary expenses and such transportation as may be required is authorized pursuant to Title 31, U.S.C. 1108 (g).

Business class transportation is authorized for overseas commercial travel, including foreign-flag carriers when US carriers are not available. Should it be necessary, use of military transportation is authorized.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,



Dan Burton
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