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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). Spouses are authorized to accompany Members for reasons of protocol at no additional expense to the Government.

Your assistance with this request is greatly appreciated. If there are any questions regarding this trip, please have a member of your staff contact Ms. Linda Walker of the Committee on Energy and Commerce at (202) 225-5606.

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