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Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld Secretary of Defense The Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with their responsibilities as Members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senator John McCain, Senator Lindsey Graham and Senator Susan M. Collins plan to travel to Colombia, Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Ecuador during the period January 10-18, 2004. Mr. Daniel C. Twining, Senator McCain's personal staff member designated to the Committee, will be traveling with Senator McCain.

I would appreciate the support and assistance of the Department of Defense in providing such transportation, including the use of foreign carrier air transportation and in-theater military aircraft, as may be required. I request that the Department of the Navy be designated as the action agency for this travel.

Expenditure of funds for the payment of actual and necessary expenses and such transportation as may be required is authorized by 31 U.S.C. 1108(g).

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

With kind regards, I am

Chairman

John Warner