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April 5, 2004

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with his responsibilities as a Member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senator Bill Nelson plans to travel to Honduras, Colombia, Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Haiti and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba during the period April 9-18, 2004. Mrs. Nelson will accompany Senator Nelson for reasons of protocol at no expense to the government. In addition, Mr. Dan Shapiro, Senator Nelson's personal staff member designated to the Committee, will be traveling with Senator Nelson.
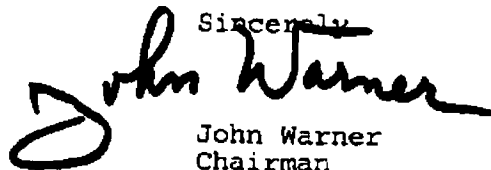
I would appreciate the support and assistance of the Department of Defense in providing such transportation, including the use of foreign carrier air transportation and in-theater military aircraft, as may be required. I request that the Department of the Navy be designated as the action agency for this 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

Sincerely,

John Warner
Chairman

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