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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 Professional Staff Members on the Committee on Armed Services, Mr. Charles W. Alsup and Ms. Evelyn N. Farkas will travel to Florida, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay and certain U.S. Forces training locations during the period December 13-20, 2004.

The purpose of their travel will be to receive briefings on U.S. regional counterdrug strategy and observe U.S. Special Operations Forces training and assistance to host nations.

I would appreciate the support and assistance of the Department of Defense in providing such transportation, including the use of foreign carrier and in-theater military air transportation, as may be required. It would also be appreciated if 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).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

With kind regards, I am

John Warner

Chairman