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April 3, 2006

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 Jack Reed plans to travel to Colombia during the period April 18-20, 2006. In addition, Senator Reed will be accompanied by Dr. Evelyn N. Farkas, Professional Staff Member, Committee on Armed Services and Ms. Elizabeth King, Senator Reed's personal staff member designated to the Committee.

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).

Chairman

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

With kind regards, I am

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