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The Honorable Robert M. Gates
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Dear Secretary Gates:

We write to thank you for your continued support of the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (Joint STARS) and share our concern about the future of this critical program.

Our Joint STARS fleet has provided indispensable intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance support to those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. In particular, its wide-area ground surveillance radar has enhanced the ability of our warfighters to track and engage insurgents and improvised explosive devices. We are concerned that, despite the unique contributions of Joint STARS to the fight, the Air Force has acted in ways that are contrary to Congressional and Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) direction with respect to this program.

Last September, Under Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter issued an Acquisition Decision Memorandum (ADM) directing the Air Force to immediately identify and obligate funds to develop, test, and procure the initial increment of shipsets for re-engining the Joint STARS fleet. The intent of this ADM was clearly that the Air Force should immediately obligate previously appropriated funds from fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009 to accomplish this effort. Unfortunately, the Air Force failed to do so. We are also very concerned that although Congress provided sufficient funding in FY10 to avoid a costly and unnecessary break in production, the Air Force decided early this year not to procure any shipsets for operational aircraft until FY11.³

These decisions by the Air Force clearly violated Section 135 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2010, which directed that the "Secretary of the Air Force may not take any action that would adversely impact the pace of execution of the program to replace the engines of Joint STARS aircraft" before submitting a report to Congress describing the optimum path forward for the re-engining program and modernizing the Joint STARS fleet. Although this report was submitted to Congress in May of this year, these Air Force actions and omissions with respect to the re-engining effort pre-date its submission. These decisions will create inefficiencies in the production of the JT-8D engines to be procured under the re-engining program resulting in higher costs for future shipsets.

In light of these developments, we request that you direct the Air Force to follow your staff's directions with regard to Joint STARS re-engining and to execute the FY10



appropriation in a way that prevents a costly break in production for the re-engining effort. We also request that you include funding in the fiscal year 2012 budget request for additional operational engine shipsets.

Doing so will preserve the re-engining effort pending the completion of the Air Force's Joint STARS Mission Area Analysis of Alternatives which will provide recommendations for how the Air Force will meet these requirements over the long term.

We thank you as always for your continued service, and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


Joseph I. Lieberman
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 24, 2010

The Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We write to express our support for the President's budget request for additional non-dual status technicians for the National Guard. Specifically, the Department of Defense budget request for fiscal year 2011 includes an increase on the statutory limit on non-dual status technicians for the Army National Guard from 1,600 to 2,520.

It is our understanding that an increase in non-dual status technicians in the National Guard is required because our National Guard has transformed over the last two decades from a rarely-deployed strategic reserve to a frequently deployed operational force. The frequent deployments of dual status technicians, who both serve as citizen-soldiers and civilian employees of the National Guard, has affected the National Guard's ability to support critical on-going functions in each of our states. This provision of the President's budget request was intended to remedy this situation and ease the strain on our Guardsmen by allowing the hiring of additional non-dual status technicians, or permanent civilian employees who do not deploy.

As you may know, the House and Senate Armed Services Committees have so far diverged in their treatment of this issue. Although the House bill, H.R. 5136, increased the limit to 2,520, the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) did not take similar action when marking up its bill, S. 3454. The SASC bill would provide you new authority to temporarily hire civilian employees to fill vacancies caused by deployments, but the Committee deferred taking further action on this issue pending the receipt of a report on the topic mandated by Section 417 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY10 (Public Law 111-84).

In anticipation of full Senate's consideration of the bill and the eventual Conference Committee to resolve differences between the House and Senate versions, we ask that you ensure that the report required by Section 417 of the NDAA for FY10 is submitted to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees in a timely manner. We believe that it is important for the National Guard to be adequately manned, and hope that this report will set for the clear reasons for why the requested level of 2,520 non-dual status technicians will meet that critical goal.

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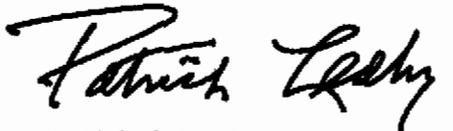


We thank you for your attention to this request and for your continued service.

Sincerely,


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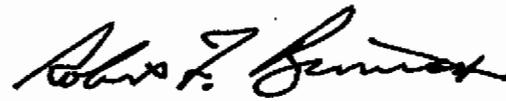

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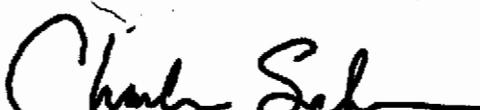

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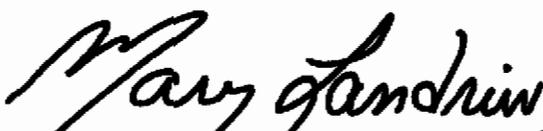

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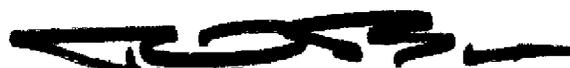
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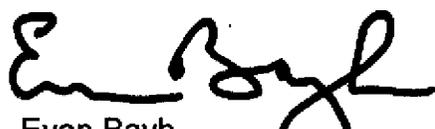
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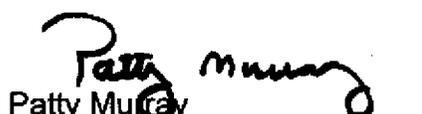

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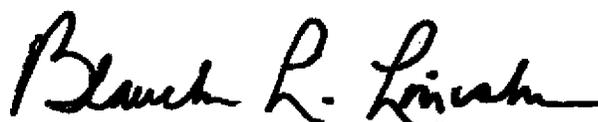

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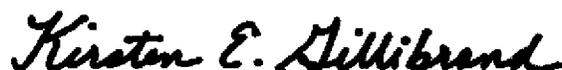

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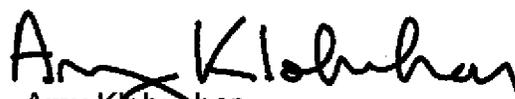

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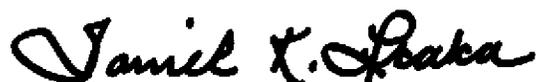

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0907

September 25, 2009

The Honorable Elizabeth L. King
Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs)
Department of Defense
Washington, DC 20301-1300

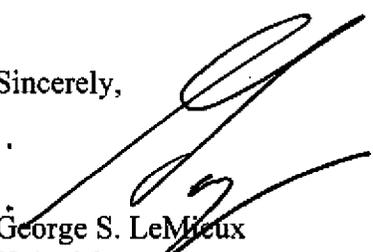
Dear Secretary King:

I am writing to request your consideration to provide my office with a Department of Defense Legislative Fellow for calendar year 2010.

I ask that you give special consideration to providing my office with a Defense Fellow for 2010 who possesses either a Navy or an Air Force background. This background would provide my office with invaluable experience to address military issues in the state of Florida. If possible, I would like to interview one candidate from each service.

I look forward to working with you to continue this mutually beneficial program. Should you have any questions, please contact my Military Legislative Assistant, Brian Walsh, at (202) 228-5116 or brian_walsh@lemieux.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



George S. Lemieux
United States Senator

OSD 11364-09





United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

October 12, 2010

The Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Secretary Gates:

We are writing to request that you clarify a Department of Defense instruction that has jeopardized funding requested by the President for a South Florida commissary to be constructed at the United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) Headquarters in Miami, Florida.

The President's Fiscal Year 2011 budget requested \$19 million for the construction of a South Florida commissary in Miami-Dade County. We support full funding for the President's request and the House Armed Services Committee included funding in its FY 2011 National Defense Authorizations Act. Unfortunately, the Senate has neither authorized nor appropriated funds for construction of the facility. Opposition has centered around the belief that the Department of Defense must clarify its policy on when appropriated funds may be used to construct new commissaries.

In an effort to resolve confusion over this policy, we request that you review Department of Defense Instruction 1330.17, "Commissary and Combined Store Criteria," and that you clarify the criteria pertaining to appropriated funding for commissaries. We ask that you report back to us within 30 days on what you believe the appropriate funding source for the South Florida commissary to be and how the Department arrived at this conclusion.

If constructed, this commissary will serve over 8,000 military and retired personnel. Commissary facilities are an integral element of military non-pay compensation, and the service men and women of South Florida should not be denied this benefit because of a policy dispute.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Bill Nelson
United States Senator


George LeMieux
United States Senator

OSD 12265-10



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 6, 2010

The Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon, Room 3E880
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Secretary Gates:

We write to reiterate our strong support for the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (Joint STARS) re-engining program.

We were pleased to see that the fiscal year 2011 President's Budget request included funding for two shipsets, and hope funding for two shipsets will also be included in the fiscal year 2012 budget. Sufficient funding will preclude a production break and enable the Joint STARS to more effectively provide its indispensable battle management and ISR support to deployed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As you know, this critical asset's operations tempo has increased dramatically since the beginning of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Joint STARS aircraft and crews have logged over 67,000 combat hours and 6,200 combat missions providing critical situational awareness, real-time on-scene battle command to troops in contact, and Ground/Dismount Moving Target Indicator for trend analysis of enemy movement.

We understand that engine-related issues have risen dramatically during the same period. Since the beginning of OEF, unscheduled engine replacements have surpassed 200% of the total engines needed to re-engine the entire Joint STARS fleet, and engine overhaul costs have risen from \$250,000 to \$2,000,000 per engine. It is clear why the Air Force's Fleet Viability Board recommended Re-engining, equating its benefit to adding one new Joint STARS to the fleet.

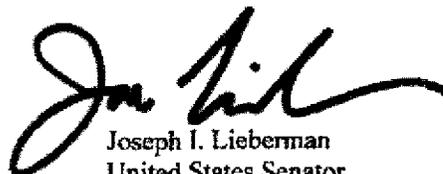
In light of your efforts to improve efficiencies in the Department as well as to push improved ISR capabilities to the warfighter, we believe that pursuing an expedited re-engining program makes sense. While we appreciate that there is a pending Analysis of Alternatives for the GMTI mission and the Joint STARS way ahead, the Initial Operational Capability for any solution coming from that study would not be fielded until as late as 2025. Joint STARS re-engining is critically needed in the interim and will have paid for itself by that time.

As you continue preparing the Department's 2012 budget, we request that you work to ensure that the Joint STARS re-engining program is adequately funded with two shipsets in 2012 to preclude a break in production. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance in this regard.

Sincerely,



Saxby Chambliss
United States Senator



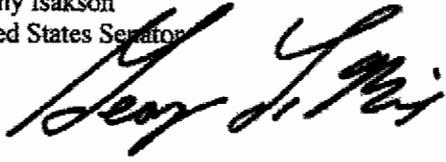
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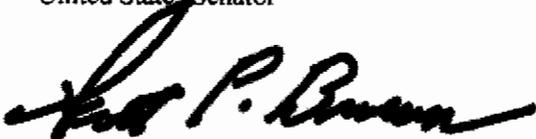




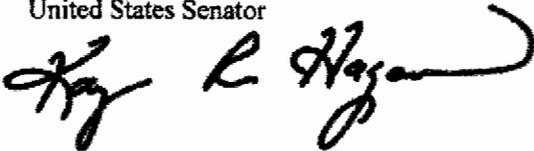
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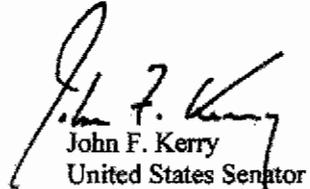
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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6050

January 27, 2010

Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with his responsibilities as a Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, Senator George S. LeMieux plans to travel to Honduras, Panama and Colombia during the period February 15-19, 2010. Senator LeMieux will be accompanied by Brian Walsh and Vivian Myrtetus, his personal staffers who have been 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 and military air transportation, as may be required. It would also be appreciated if the Department of the Navy could 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.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin
Chairman

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February 4, 2010

Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

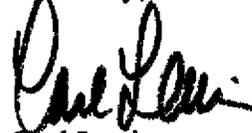
In connection with his responsibilities as a Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, Senator George S. LeMieux plans to travel to Haiti on February 5, 2010. Senator LeMieux will be accompanied by Victor M. Cervino, his personal staffer who has e been designated to the Committee.

I would appreciate the support and assistance of the Department of Defense in providing such transportation, including the use of military air transportation, as may be required. It would also be appreciated if the Department of the Navy could be designated as the action agency for this travel.

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin
Chairman

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United States Senate

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February 11, 2010

Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On February 4, 2010 I wrote to you regarding the travel plans of Senator George S. LeMieux to Haiti on February 5, 2010. The trip was cancelled due to inclement weather in Washington.

This letter is to advise that the trip has been rescheduled for February 12, 2010. In addition, Senator LeMieux will now be accompanied by Michael Thornberry, his personal staff member who has been designated to the Committee.

I would appreciate your continued support and assistance in connection with this travel.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin
Chairman

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July 8, 2010

Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

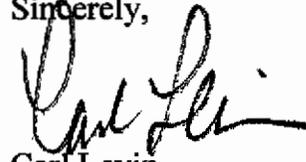
In connection with his responsibilities as a Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, Senator George S. LeMieux plans to travel to the Republic of Djibouti, Yemen, Israel, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India during the period August 24-September 2, 2010. Senator LeMieux will be accompanied by Brian Walsh and Vivian Myrtetus, his personal staffers who have been 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 and military air transportation, as may be required. It would also be appreciated if the Department of the Navy could be designated as the action agency for this travel.

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin
Chairman

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July 23, 2010

Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On July 8, 2010 I wrote to you regarding the travel plans of Senator George S. LeMieux and his staff members to Djibouti, Yemen, Israel, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India during the period August 24-September 2, 2010.

Please be advised that Senator LeMieux has added Kuwait to his itinerary.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance in connection with this travel.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin
Chairman

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July 30, 2010

Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

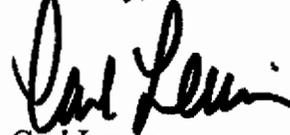
In connection with his responsibilities as a Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, Senator George S. LeMieux plans to travel to Colombia during the period August 6-8, 2010. Senator LeMieux will be accompanied Victor Cervino, his personal staffer who has been designated to the Committee.

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

Sincerely,



Carl Levin
Chairman

OSD 09269-10



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August 18, 2010

Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On July 8, 23, and 24, 2010 I wrote to you regarding the travel plans of Senator George S. LeMieux and his staff members to Djibouti, Yemen, Israel, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India during the period August 25-September 4, 2010.

Please be advised that Senator LeMieux has added Bahrain and Qatar to his itinerary.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance in connection with this travel.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin
Chairman

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August 19, 2010

Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
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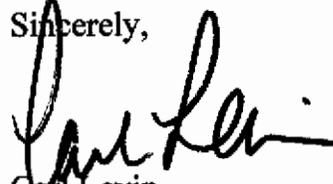
Dear Mr. Secretary:

On July 8, 23, and 24 and August 18, 2010 I wrote to you regarding the travel plans of Senator George S. LeMieux and his staff members to Djibouti, Yemen, Israel, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Bahrain and Qatar during the period August 25-September 4, 2010.

Please be advised that Senator LeMieux has also requested that Lt. Col. John Erwin, USA, of the U.S. Special Operations Command Legislative Liaison, be permitted to accompany him on the CODEL. If at all possible, please accommodate Senator LeMieux's request.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance in connection with this travel.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin
Chairman

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October 13, 2009

Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

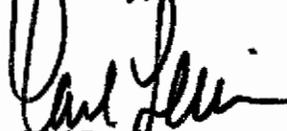
In connection with his responsibilities as a Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, Senator George S. LeMieux plans to travel to Afghanistan during the period October 22-26, 2009.

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

Sincerely,



Carl Levin
Chairman

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January 21, 2010

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Re: Locating and Returning Americans Missing in Haiti

Dear Madam Secretary Clinton, Mr. Secretary Gates, and Administrator Shah:

Over the past week, the immense scale of the tragedy in Haiti has been revealed. The outpouring of support from Americans for the Haitian people has been significant and heart-warming.

Americans' commitment to the renewal of Haiti existed before last week's devastating earthquake. As a result, thousands of Americans were working, studying, and serving in Haiti when the quake struck. Many of them remain missing. Among the missing are a number of my fellow Floridians.

Because these Americans remain unaccounted for, please urge all relevant U.S. officials to advocate for continuing search and rescue efforts until the possibility of survival no longer exists. Additionally, on behalf of the families of the missing, I request you to do

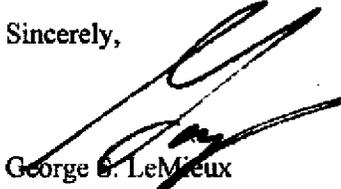
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everything within your power to ensure that every American known to be missing in Haiti is located and returned home.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



George S. LeMieux
United States Senator

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July 24, 2010

Honorable Robert M. Gates
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1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On July 8 and 23, 2010 I wrote to you regarding the travel plans of Senator George S. LeMieux and his staff members to Djibouti, Yemen, Israel, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India during the period August 24-September 2, 2010.

Please be advised that Senator LeMieux has changed the dates of his travel to August 25-September 4, 2010.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance in connection with this travel.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin
Chairman

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