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DEC 31

The Honorable Ike Skelton
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6035

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The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Ranking Member
Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
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Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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DEC 31 2009

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Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
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United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable C.W. Bill Young
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Washington, D.C. 20515-6018

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