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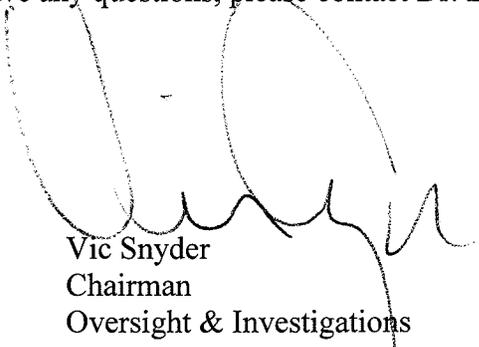
The Honorable Gordon England
Deputy Secretary of Defense
1010 Defense Pentagon
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Dear Secretary England:

As we transition to a new Congress and a new Administration while our nation is engaged in two wars, our HASC Subcommittees are looking ahead in several areas that will have a direct impact on the ability of our service men and women to perform their missions. These areas include training, particularly language and cultural awareness training, energy initiatives, and the enduring Department of Defense capability to defeat improvised explosive devices and other asymmetric threats to our military.

We understand that you have taken steps to prepare for the transition and, on August 9, 2007, issued a memorandum which outlines the top "transformation priorities" for institutionalizing 25 different activities by December of this year. We also understand that these 25 activities include those mentioned above which are of interest to our subcommittees.

Please provide a copy of this memorandum and any supporting documents that will help our subcommittees understand these transition plans and the status of their implementation. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Lorry Fenner on the committee staff at (202) 226-4532.



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Sincerely,



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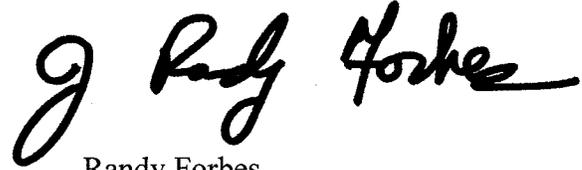
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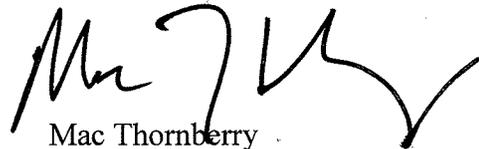
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