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The Honorable John P. Murtha  
Ranking Minority Member, Subcommittee on Defense  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Carl Levin
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
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