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Chairman Bob Stump
Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter constitutes a Report to Congress on Processing of Reports of Promotion Boards as required by Senate Report 105-189.

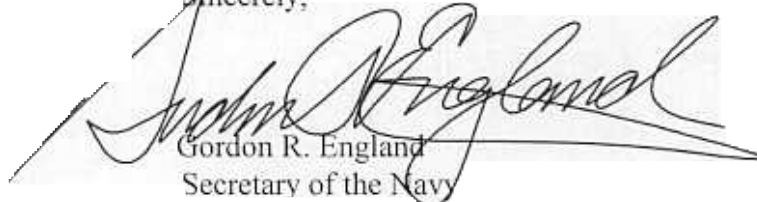
Processing of the FY03 USMC Major Promotion Selection Board for approval exceeded 100 calendar days on February 24, 2002.

The processing of the board report was delayed pending the completion of a review of potential adverse information. The board report was forwarded to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on February 15, 2002.

I anticipate that the FY03 USMC Major Promotion Selection Board report will be forwarded to the Office of the Secretary of Defense by March 1, 2002. You will be notified if the board report is not approved by the 120th calendar day, and reports will continue every 30 days thereafter until the board report is approved.

A similar letter is being sent to the Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Sincerely,



Gordon R. England
Secretary of the Navy

cc:
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