



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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Honorable Bob Stump
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
2120 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Public Law 104-208, §5802, provides that funds available in the Support for International Sporting Competitions (SISC), Defense account may not be obligated until 45 days after the congressional defense committees have been notified in writing by the Secretary of Defense as to the purpose for which these funds will be obligated. This letter is proffered in satisfaction of this statutory notice requirement with regard to the 2003 Special Olympics, an international sporting event for which Department of Defense (DoD) support has been requested. In view of the authority vested in me by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, to oversee the management and coordination of DoD support to international and national special events, I am writing to you directly.

The 2003 Special Olympics will be held June 16-29, 2003, in Dublin, Ireland. The cost associated with DoD support to the Special Olympics is estimated at \$3,000,000.00 and will be funded from SISC account monies. Pursuant to 10 United States Code §2564(c), DoD support to the Special Olympics does not require Attorney General certification under provisions of 10 United States Code §2564(a).

Should you have any further concerns, please contact Ms. Kathryn A. Condon, my Special Assistant for Military Support, at 703-614-9049.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas E. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Thomas E. White

