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**COMMAND, CONTROL,
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The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman:

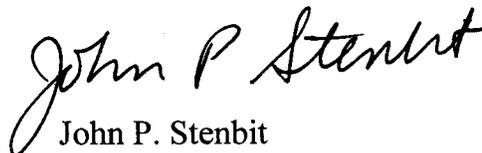
I am writing to report to you, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1071, Floyd D. Spence FY01 Defense Authorization Bill, 10 U.S.C. 986, on the number of waivers granted to Department of Defense military, civilian, or contractor personnel as a meritorious exception to disqualifying criteria (1) and (4) contained in subsection (c), of the statute, namely:

- (1) the person has been convicted in any court of the United States of a crime and sentenced to imprisonment for a term exceeding one year;
- (4) the person has been discharged or dismissed from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions.

For the period January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002, only one waiver was granted within the Department. It was granted for the renewal of a security clearance. The Secretary of the Navy granted a meritorious exception to an individual whose clearance was revoked based on an 18-month imprisonment sentence in July 1985 for petty theft, which was later suspended. From 1977 to 1985 the individual was involved with drugs and alcohol, which led to disreputable behavior. This individual has held a Secret clearance in the Department since 1992. There has been no evidence of similar conduct since 1985.

A similar letter has been provided to the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Sincerely,


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The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member