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The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, Committee on
Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 Senate Committee on Armed Services Report 105-189 directed that a status report be provided for Promotion Selection Board Reports that exceed 100 days in their processing.

Processing the FY04 Active Rear Admiral (lower half) Line Promotion Selection Board Report exceeded 100 days on March 22, 2003. The Board Report's processing was slowed while awaiting investigative file check and processing results.

I anticipate that the FY04 Active Rear Admiral (lower half) Line Promotion Selection Board Report should be forwarded to the Department of Defense for approval by the President no later than April 22, 2003. We are processing these Reports as expeditiously as possible while maintaining the integrity of the promotion selection system. I will notify you if the Selection Board Report is not forwarded by the 130th day. I will continue to report every 30 days thereafter until the Promotion Board Reports are forwarded.

A similar letter has been sent to the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

Sincerely,

Hansford T. Johnson

Hansford T. Johnson
Secretary of the Navy
Acting

Copy to:
The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member