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Honorable Duncan Hunter  
Chairman  
Committee on Armed Services  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write to notify you, in accordance with section 161(b)(2) of title 10, United States Code, that on January 10, 2003, the President of the United States approved the second set of changes to the 2002 Unified Command Plan (UCP).

In my letter of September 20, 2002, I informed you that the President had approved a change to the UCP creating a "new" U.S. Strategic Command that, effective October 1, 2002, would assume the missions and responsibilities previously assigned to U.S. Strategic Command and U.S. Space Command. I now write to inform you that President Bush has approved the assignment to U.S. Strategic Command of four new missions: global strike; global missile defense; information operations (IO); and command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (C4ISR).

We have provided briefs to the relevant Congressional committees to offer additional details. If you would like more information, the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Doug Feith, can arrange for a briefing.

Thank you for your continued support on the UCP. I look forward to working with Congress on these matters.

Sincerely,

cc:  
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