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July 24, 2003

The Honorable Duncan Hunter  
Chairman  
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 FY04 Active Rear Admiral Line Promotion Selection Board Reports for approval will exceed 130 calendar days on July 28, 2003.

The board reports' processing by the Department of the Navy was slowed while awaiting investigative file checks and processing of results.

I anticipate that the FY04 Active Rear Admiral Line Promotion Selection Board Reports should be forwarded for approval by the President by August 28, 2003. We are processing this board report as expeditiously as possible while maintaining the integrity of the promotion selection system. I will notify you if the selection board reports are not forwarded by the 160<sup>th</sup> calendar day. I will continue to report every 30 days thereafter until the promotion board report is forwarded.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Hansford T. Johnson".

HANSFORD T. JOHNSON  
Secretary of the Navy  
Acting

Cc:

The Honorable Ike Skelton  
Ranking Member

**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES OF THE SENATE AND  
THE NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PROCESSING OF REPORTS OF PROMOTION  
BOARDS**

This report is submitted pursuant to the Committee on Armed Services Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 Report dated 11 May 1998.

This report details the processing of the FY-04 Active Rear Admiral Line Promotion Selection Board, which exceeds the 100-day limit established by the committee report. This report includes an explanation for the delay, an assessment of when the board report will be approved, and an accounting for the processing time in each office through which the board report has passed to this point.

**EXPLANATION FOR THE DELAY:**

The delay in the processing of this promotion selection board is primarily due to the collection and analysis of adverse and alleged adverse information.

**ASSESSMENT OF WHEN THE BOARD REPORTS WILL BE APPROVED:**

The FY-04 Active Rear Admiral Line Promotion Selection Board was forwarded to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) on 14 July. The Secretary of Defense takes approximately three to six weeks to process a report. The best estimate for final approval of this report is mid- to late-August 2003. Following OSD review and approval, the nominations will be forwarded to the President. Board results will be released to the public after the President signs the nominations for appointment.

**ACCOUNTING FOR PROCESSING TIME:**

The FY-04 Active Rear Admiral Line Promotion Selection Board adjourned 20 March 2003.

21 March - 5 May. Records are reviewed for adverse information.

5 May - 4 June. Chief of Naval Personnel reviews adverse information. Forwarding is held up pending the resolution of one ongoing investigation.

5 June - 12 June. Review of board report by the Judge Advocate General.

12 - 20 June. VCNO and CNO review and sign board report.

20 June - 11 July. SECNAV and CJCS review board report.

14 July. Board report forwarded to OSD.