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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have approved the retirement of General Larry R. Ellis, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list. I certify that General Ellis has served satisfactorily on active duty in his current grade. General Ellis, who is 57 years of age, currently serves as the Commanding General, United States Forces Command. I have also notified the President of the United States and the President of the Senate of this action.

Sincerely,

cc:
The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee
The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee