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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, I have approved Lieutenant General James E. Cartwright, United States Marine Corps, to wear the insignia of the grade of general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777. The nomination of Lieutenant General Cartwright as the Commander, United States Strategic Command and appointment to general is currently pending before the Senate. This approval will not be executed prior to confirmation and the expiration of the required 30-day congressional notification period. This action will not cause the Department to exceed the number of frocked officers authorized. Lieutenant General Cartwright is projected for promotion upon the retirement of the incumbent, Admiral James O. Ellis, Jr.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Abell
Principal Deputy

cc:
Chairman,
House Armed Services Committee
Ranking Member,
House Armed Services Committee



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