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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:

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, I have authorized Lieutenant General Paul V. Hester, United States Air Force, to wear the insignia of general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777. This approval will not be executed prior to the expiration of the required 30-day congressional notification period. The Senate previously confirmed Lieutenant General Hester as the Commander, Pacific Air Forces; Air Component Commander for United States Pacific Command; and Executive Director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff; and appointment to general. Lieutenant General Hester is projected for promotion upon the retirement of the incumbent, General William J. Begert.

Sincerely,

  
Charles S. Abell  
Principal Deputy

cc:

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