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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, I have authorized Major General Henry A. Obering, United States Air Force, to wear the insignia of lieutenant 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 and will not cause the Department to exceed the number of frocked officers authorized. The Senate previously confirmed Major General Obering as the Director, Missile Defense Agency and appointment to the grade of lieutenant general. Major General Obering is projected for promotion upon the retirement of Lieutenant General Ronald T. Kadish, the current Director, Missile Defense Agency.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Abell  
Principal Deputy

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

