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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 Lieutenant General Robert R. Dierker, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list. I have exercised my authority to waive the 3-year service-in-grade requirement and certify that Lieutenant General Dierker has served satisfactorily on active duty in his current grade. Lieutenant General Dierker, who is 53 years of age, currently serves as Deputy Commander, United States Pacific Command, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii. I have also notified the President of the United States and the President of the Senate of this action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. M. Gates", written over a horizontal line.

cc:

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

