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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 Major General R. Steven Whitcomb, United States Army, 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. The Senate previously confirmed Major General Whitcomb as the Commanding General, Third United States Army/ Commander, United States Army Forces Central Command and appointment to lieutenant general. Major General Whitcomb is projected for promotion upon the assumption of the position for which he has been confirmed.

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

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