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The Honorable Bob Stump
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am pleased to transmit to you the second report of the Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence and my evaluation of the report, as required by Section 591 of P.L. 106-65, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY 2000.

Section 591 also requires the Department to include information on the incidents of domestic violence involving members of the armed forces collected pursuant to section 594 of the NDAA for FY 2000. These data are being collected and, to preclude delay of this report, will be forwarded under separate cover.

The Department supports 58 of the 86 recommendations contained in the report. Fifteen of the recommendations will require further study. It takes no position with respect to three recommendations because they are directed to the Congress and the Department of Justice. Finally, the Department does not support 10 recommendations. It will begin work immediately on the recommendations, and expects the majority to be completed by 2005.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Abell

Enclosures:
As stated

cc:
The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member