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The Honorable Duncan L. Hunter
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
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Dear Mr. Chairman

Pursuant to Congressional committee direction, this letter is to notify you that I have approved facility repair work at Altus AFB, Oklahoma to repair the Nose Dock Hangar, Building 285. The Air Force is currently working to identify $8.9M in the operation and maintenance (O&M) appropriation required to fund this project.

This project will repair and reconfigure Hangar 285 to permit isochronal (ISO) inspections of KC-135 aircraft and to correct facility conditions and components which are worn due to normal use. As it exists now, the hangar can only accommodate C-5/ C-17 aircraft because the bay space became limited when a missile assembly function, which is no longer needed, was installed in the 1960's. KC-135 inspections must now be done in Hangar 523, a significantly deteriorated facility, which will be demolished after this project is completed. Hangar 523 is also limited by its current capabilities and located some distance from aircraft parking, promoting a very inefficient operation. Relocation of KC-135 inspections to Hangar 285, which is located adjacent to aircraft parking, will correct these inefficiencies.

We have chosen to accomplish this work under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 2811. The work is classified as repair and the use of operation and maintenance funds provides the flexibility to plan the work with minimum disruption to operations while balancing our operation and maintenance and military construction programs.

A similar letter has been sent to the Ranking Minority Member of your Committee.

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