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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have approved the retirement of General Charles R. Holland, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list. I have exercised my authority to reduce the 3-year service-in-grade requirement and certify that General Holland has served satisfactorily on active duty in his current grade.

General Holland, who is 57 years of age, most recently served as the Commander, United States Special Operations Command. I have also notified the President of the United States and the President of the Senate of this action.

Sincerely,

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