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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, I have approved Rear Admiral (lower half) James G. Stavridis to wear the insignia of rear admiral (upper half) 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 and will not cause the Department to exceed the number of frocked officers authorized. The Senate previously confirmed Rear Admiral (lower half) Stavridis to the grade of rear admiral (upper half). Rear Admiral (lower half) Stavridis is projected for promotion in October 2004.

Sincerely,


Charles S. Abell
Principal Deputy

cc:
Chairman,
House Armed Services Committee
Ranking Member,
House Armed Services Committee



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