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**The Honorable Ted Stevens
Chairman
Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, I am providing this report in compliance with section 324(b) of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, Pub. L. 108-375.

The Department anticipates that current threat and security requirements at military installations and facilities will continue for some years to come. Authority to contract for security-guard functions provides for the efficient use of military manpower by enabling the military departments to utilize active and reserve component personnel in other assignments. To consider a long-term plan without the use of contractors could result in an untenable installation security situation.

Accordingly, the Department strongly recommends legislative relief in the form of permanent authority to contract for security-guard functions to meet the increased requirements since September 11, 2001.

A similar letter is also being sent to the chairmen and ranking members of the appropriate congressional defense committees.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Eberle

**Enclosure:
As stated**

**cc:
The Honorable Daniel Inouye
Ranking Member**

