

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 24, 2008

General David H. Petraeus
Commanding Officer
Headquarters, United States Central Command
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Dear General Petraeus:

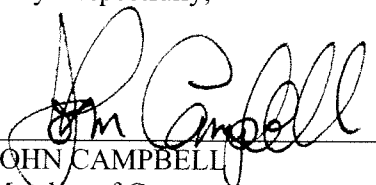
It is with sadness but optimism that we write this letter in thanks and congratulations for your accomplishments and recent promotion to commander of the United States Central Command.

Thank you for your leadership and resolve during your 19-month tenure as Commander, of Multi-National Forces - Iraq. The success you have experienced has been hard earned. In 2007 you were given a task that many deemed "futile," however, you led coalition forces with earnest dedication and have helped secure the Iraqi people. You have shouldered the burden America gave you, and despite overwhelming odds, you have succeeded.

Since you took command of MNF-I in February 2007, there has been undeniable improvement in Iraq ranging from improved infrastructure, to the safety of coalition troops and Iraqi civilians. The Iraqi people almost witnessed their country erupt into civil war; however, your leadership gave the Iraqi people hope. To be sure, there is still much work to be done in Iraq, but your achievements over the past 19 months must be and will be preserved. We are proud of the leadership you have provided our nation in Iraq and the American people appreciate the dedication and sacrifice displayed by both you and the valiant men and women who serve under you.

As you transition into the role as Commanding Officer of U.S. Central Command, we congratulate you on your promotion and wish you Godspeed. You have demonstrated strength of character and integrity, and we commend you for a job well done. As you are well aware, CENTCOM's mission and area of responsibility are vital to the defense and interests of the United States and we are confident that you will take your new responsibilities with the same impassioned vigor as you did in Iraq, and we wish you the best of luck.

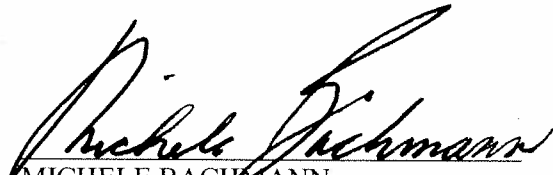
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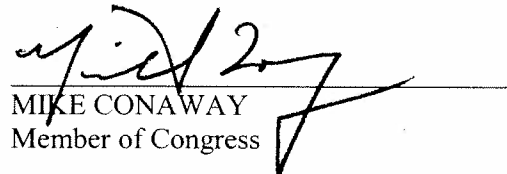


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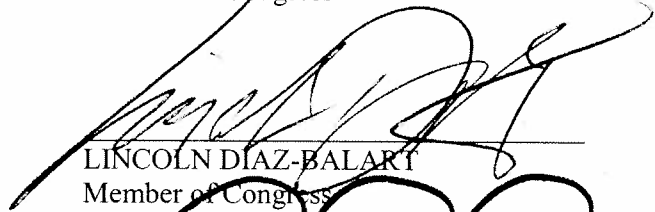

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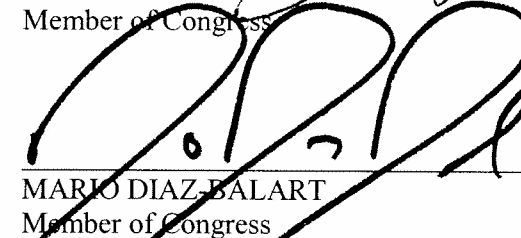

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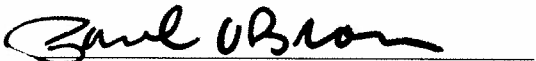

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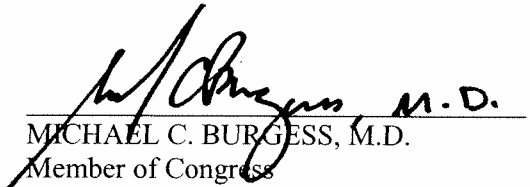

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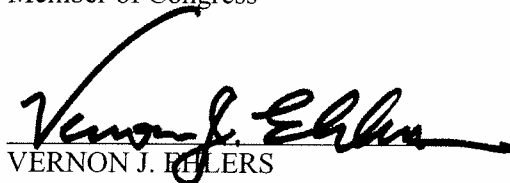

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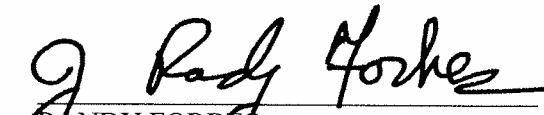

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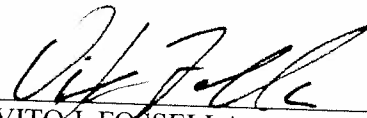

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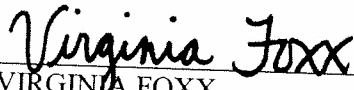

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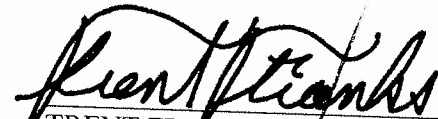

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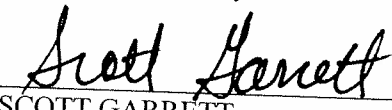

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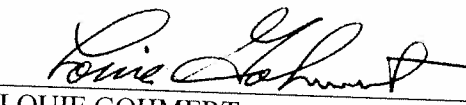

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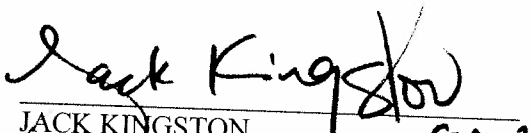

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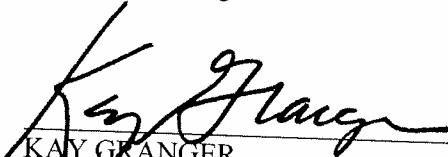

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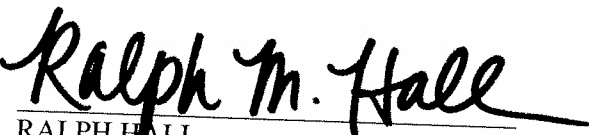

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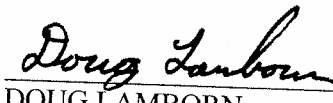

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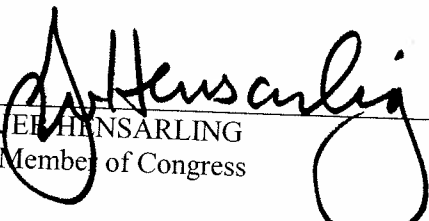

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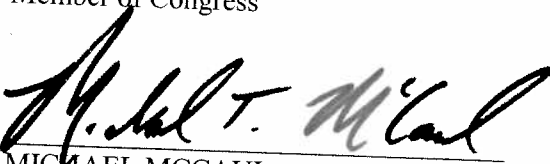

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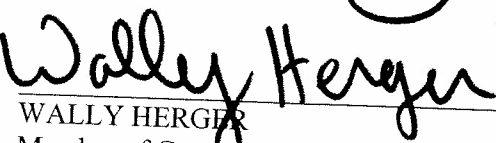

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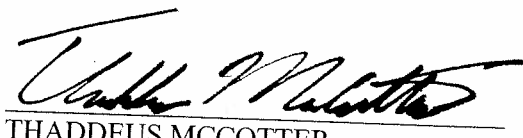

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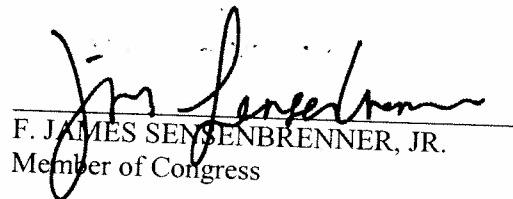

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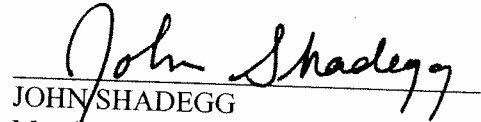

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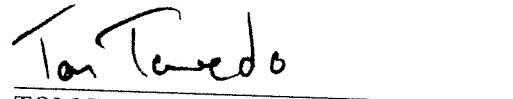

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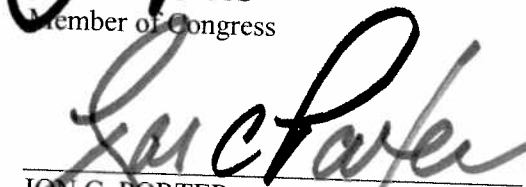

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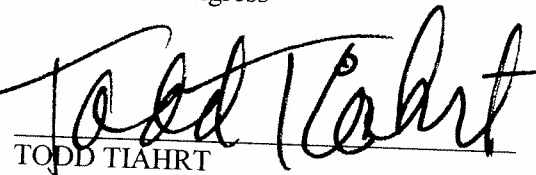

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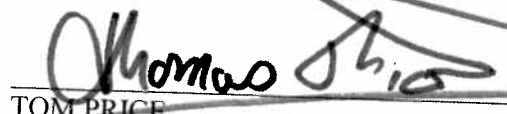

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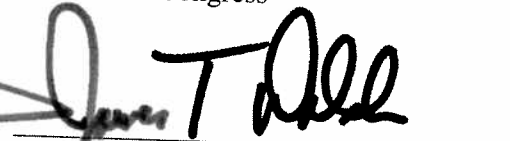

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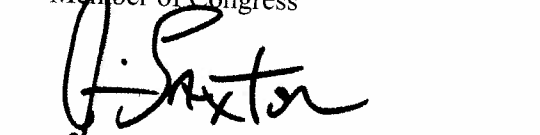

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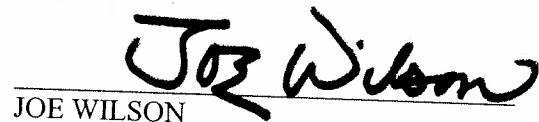

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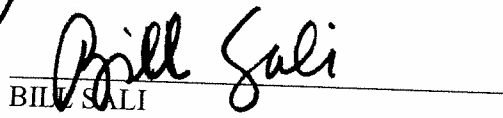

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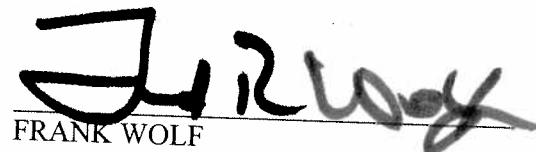

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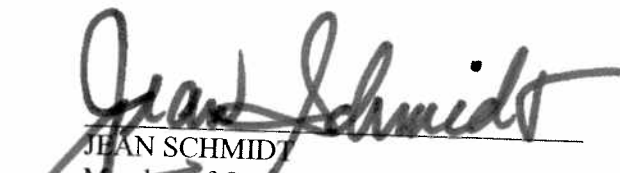

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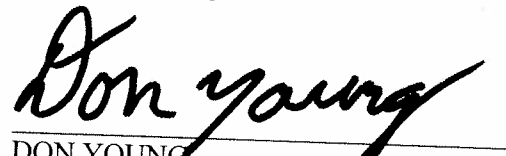

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