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The Honorable Carl Levin
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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