



ACQUISITION
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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Military Construction,
Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

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Sincerely,



Ellen M. Lord

cc:
The Honorable John Carter
Ranking Member

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