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The Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1155

Dear Secretary Gates,

I am pleased to notify you of my appointment of GEN John (Jack) Keane, USA (Ret) and the Honorable John F. Lehman, Jr. to the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) Independent Panel. Their many years of defense policy experience and deep understanding of national security issues will be invaluable to the Panel as it assesses the assumptions and recommendations of the QDR.

If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Church Hutton, at (202) 224-3181.

Sincerely,



John McCain
Ranking Member

cc:
The Honorable Carl Levin
The Honorable Ike Skelton
The Honorable Buck McKeon