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Honorable Ted Stevens
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is a response to the request for a report on military Behavioral Research. The Senate report to accompany the Department of Defense Appropriations Bill, 2000 (S. Rep. No. 106-53, p. 131) requested the Department to conduct an evaluation of Behavioral Research in the military and to submit a report by March 1, 2000.

The request required the Department of Defense to conduct a comprehensive review of behavioral, cognitive, and social science research in the military, including past, present, and projected funding, programmatic content, application, and impact. These research areas comprise approximately 60% of the DoD Human Systems Technology Area and 100% of the DoD Cognitive and Neural Science Basic Research Discipline Area. Hence, results from the DUSD(S&T) Technology Area Review and Assessment (TARA) in each of these areas, recently completed, were considered essential to formulating the Department's response.

The enclosed report is submitted in response to the committee's request. We look forward to working with your committee on this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Robert Byrd
Ranking Democrat

Enclosure:
As stated

