



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

July 2, 2004

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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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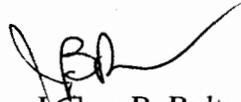
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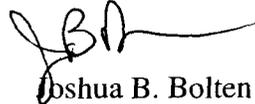
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