The Honorable C. W. "Bill" Young
Chairman, Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0910

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As stated

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