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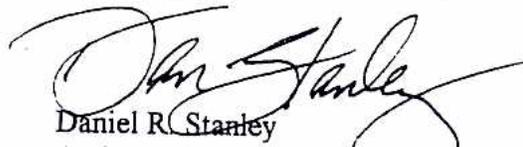
The Honorable Tom Coburn  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-3604

Dear Senator Coburn:

I am writing in response to your letter to Secretary Rumsfeld of December 2, 2005 in which you requested the information related to congressional travel the Department of Defense supports. While the Office of the Secretary of Defense supports congressional travel we do not maintain the records or information that you requested. However, it is my understanding that the accounting for congressional and staff travel is maintained and published by the respective bodies in the Report of the Secretary of the Senate and the Report of the Clerk of the House of Representatives. Further, it is my understanding that these are public records maintained and published by the Congress in order to provide accountability and public access.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

  
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