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CONTINGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT TO OUR NATION'S MILITARY AND

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CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS AS WELL AS YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF

COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN DEPLOYED SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AIRMEN,

MARINES, CIVILIANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. ON

BEHALF OF ALL UNIFORMED SERVICES, I EXTEND MY SINCEREST

APPRECIATION FOR YOUR HARD WORK, SELFLESS DEDICATION, AND VITAL

SERVICE TO OUR GREAT NATION. A JOB WELL DONE !

/S/ CHUCK HAGEL

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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