Dear Tom:

As Chairman of the Commission on an All-Volunteer Armed Force, you are authorized to request and receive from any executive department or agency any assistance deemed necessary to carry out the functions of the Commission. The departments and agencies will be expected to furnish you with information, data and assistance to the extent permitted by law and within the limits of available funds.

The necessary expenses incurred by the Commission will be paid from my "Emergency Fund". Members of the Commission may receive one hundred dollars per day plus travel expenses and per diem when engaged in performance of duties for the Commission.

You are authorized to appoint and compensate other personnel as may be necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its functions, without regard to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations and the Classification Act of 1949 as amended. The General Services Administration shall provide administrative support services for the Commission on a reimbursable basis.

Sincerely,

Mr. Thomas Gates
Chairman of the Executive Committee
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