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November 10, 2015

The Honorable Mike D. Rogers
Chairman
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
2340 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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