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Subject: Defeating the Graham Amendment

Boss,

The word on the street is that Sen. Graham's TJAG amendment remains on a fast track to enactment. I know that DOD has prepared a letter to Sen. Warner declaring its opposition (which letter I'm told is at OMB), but I wonder if it might not be appropriate to mount a more coordinated and aggressive strategy to defeat this measure. The other Service GC's think so and I'm told Secretary England is engaged as well. Because the bill primarily affects Army, Navy and Air Force prerogatives, one possible thought would be for the Service Secretaries to send a letter as more direct proponents of the DOD position and with greater detail on the bill's ills. As you know, from time to time the JCS proffers "24-star letters" (signed by all six chiefs) to the Hill when addressing especially significant matters they wish to receive heightened attention. With the thought you might be willing to ask Secretaries Brownlee and England to join you as signatories on a letter to Sen. Warner, I have attached some points such a letter could make. (I have also sent these to the other GCs--the Army GC also suggested the idea of a letter signed by all of you.) Given the lack of declared Congressional opponents to the Graham amendment, it seems likely that crucial institutional prerogatives implicated in the legislation may be overlooked if we do not weigh in vigorously..perhaps you are here "for such a time as this."

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Ok, Boss.

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Gary will be limiting comments since he argues that OSD should respond for the Dept. Any Air Force "position" should be vetted through both you and Tom, then to me. The news stuff reflects the SASC staffers' and Sen Graham's staffer's views of my attempt to bring some oversight to bear. Jim

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Boss, with your permission, I would like Gary's comments to require approval through my office. The other GCs are helping write their Service's comments.

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