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Honorable Mark Steven Kirk
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Kirk

I am writing in response to your 23 September 2003 letter to me and the recent correspondence between Secretary Rumsfeld and yourself. Since your original letter arrived, we have worked this issue hard. All aspects of the proposed Chinese Military Power booklet have been examined extensively with Defense policy officials. They have determined that overall U.S. policy interests would not be served by such a document at this time.

The Department of Defense will continue to put significant effort into the production of the detailed annual report to the Congress on Chinese military capabilities; the most recent edition was provided to the Congress in Summer 2003.

Rest assured we will retain an active Defense Intelligence focus on China and its emerging capabilities and we will continue to bring those trends and capabilities to the attention of policymakers. I sincerely appreciate your continuing interest in Defense Intelligence matters.

Sincerely,

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Director