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HAITI: EMBASSY BUILDUP

Q: What can you tell us about the reports that say more people are going into the U.S. Embassy in Port au Prince? You announced a drawdown on June 10; what's happening?

A: -- THE U.S. EMBASSY IN PORT-AU-PRINCE WILL CONTINUE TO RESTRICT ITS PERSONNEL TO THE MINIMUM NEEDED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL TASKS.

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Dear Mr. President:

I was disturbed this morning as I read about an event that was reported in The Washington Times entitled "Military Servants". It related details of an event that took place this past Tuesday evening at the White House where 50 military officers (who are detailed to greet guests of the President and represent our outstanding military) were treated as servants and "ordered to carry hors d'oeuvre trays about the State Floor, offering food to guests."

Any individuals who have proudly served their country in military service would find this incident not only demeaning, but abusive. As a retired Navy fighter pilot and an American who considers it a privilege to have served my country in combat, I consider the lack of respect shown to these military officers personally deplorable.

On an equally serious note, as one who is presently serving our country as a Representative from the state of California, I consider this a misuse of the taxpayers' dollars. Military personnel in the White House are not domestics. It is inappropriate for them to be treated as such.

I would appreciate your investigation into this matter and assurance that this abuse of our fine military men and women will not happen again.

Sincerely,

Randy "Duke" Cunningham
Member of Congress