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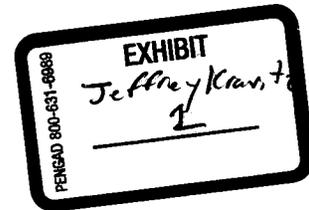
MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Office of the Secretary of Defense

**Signature**

FROM:

✓ RICHARD E. STICKLER  
Assistant Secretary for  
Mine Safety and Health



SUBJECT:

Request for Emergency Airlift

Request immediate emergency airlift of U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) assets for mine rescue mission. Currently, six coal miners are unaccounted for and believed to be trapped in a mine in Emery County, Utah, near Price, Utah. The incident occurred at approximately 3:30 a.m. MDT. Contact cannot be made with the miners. Ventilation controls were observed to be destroyed beyond a point where rescue workers could safely travel.

The Mine Safety and Health Administration has developed a Seismic Location System for trapped miners and needs to airlift this system from Pittsburgh International Airport, PA to Grand Junction, CO. The alternate airport would be Salt Lake City, UT. Time of transport is ASAP.

This airlift mission will be fully funded by the DOL. The use of military airlift for this transport is in the national interest and commercial travel is unsuitable due to time constraints. In accordance with Title 31, U.S.C., the "Economy Act", funds in the amount of \$42,000 are obligated to cover the cost of this support. Additionally, this request for transportation complies with all of the requirements outlined in OMB circular 126 (Improving the Management and Use of Government Aircraft). Please submit billing Statements to DOL.

The POC for DOL is Dr. Jeffery Kravitz. He can be reached at (412) 386-6923.

**From:** Kravitz, Jeffery H - MSHA  
**Sent:** Monday, August 06, 2007 5:50 PM  
**To:** 'Rupp, Ricky LTC SD'  
**Cc:** Zeiler, Linda F - MSHA; Skiles, Mark - MSHA; Hoch, Terry - MSHA; Urosek, John E - MSHA  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Emergency Airlift  
**Importance:** High

Rick,

Here is the signed request. Please let me know if you need anything else. I will be reachable on my cell phone at (b) (7)(C)

Thanks for all your help!

Jeff

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tate, Trina - MSHA  
**Sent:** Monday, August 06, 2007 5:47 PM  
**To:** Kravitz, Jeffery H - MSHA  
**Subject:** Request for Emergency Airlift  
**Importance:** High

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