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Mr. Secretary,

On 31 December 2020, Mayor Muriel Bowser and Dr. Christopher Rodriguez, Director, District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA), on behalf of the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Service (DCFEMS) requested support from the District of Columbia National Guard (DCNG). Mayor Bowser requests DCNG support from 0700 to 2400 on 5 and 6 January 2021, to support the MPD and DCFEMs response to planned First Amendment demonstrations. The HSEMA request for DCNG support includes crowd management at Metropolitan Transit Stations and establishment of traffic control points manned by DCNG Soldiers and vehicles in support of MPD. The DCFEMs requests support from the 33rd Civil Support Team (CST) to conduct their core tasks of detection, technical decontamination, analytical laboratory suite support, and CST operations and communications support from 0700 on 5 January until mission complete on 7 January 2021.

The DCNG will support MPD with 340 total personnel. DCNG Disposition:

      a. Traffic Control Points: ▆ personnel (▆ total/2 shifts) operating in non-tactical vehicles

      b. Metro station support: ▆ personnel (▆ total/2 shifts)

      c. CST Support: ▆ personnel

      d. Quick Reaction Support: 40 personnel staged at Joint Base Andrews

      e. Internal C2 and Support ▆ personnel

On 1 January 2021, MG Walker submitted his request and concept of operation for my approval. I recommend DCNG support this mission if the following conditions are met:

      a. The establishment of a lead federal agency, other than DoD, to enable enhanced coordination of all entities.

      b. The estimated numbers for the demonstrations exceed the local and federal agencies' ability to address the risk.

      c. All other federal agencies have exhausted their assets to support these events.

I directed MG Walker to prepare to recall DCNG personnel to support this event. The DCNG will be postured to support; however, will not commit until the request for support is approved. DCNG are not authorized to perform any additional tasks or duties not authorized in this memorandum.

Ryan D. McCarthy