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Gen. Cray,

As we discussed, we had been expecting this letter. Please advise and we will await your thoughts.

Thanks,
Darren

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From: Ponder, Russell L Col USAF NG NGB (US) [<mailto:russell.l.ponder.mil@mail.mil>]
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Member of the Governor's staff,

I am forwarding you the attached memo to present to your Governor. The memo is from General Frank J. Grass, Chief of the National Guard Bureau requesting nominations for eligible Army or Air National Guard general officers to serve as the next Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

We are also mailing the hardcopy directly to the Governor.

Please let me know if you have questions or need any additional information.

v/r,

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November 10, 2015

The Honorable Peter Shumlin
109 State Street
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Montpelier, VT 05609-1401

Dear Governor Shumlin:

Lieutenant General Joseph L. Lengyel will complete his term as the Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau on August 17, 2016. He has done an exceptional job while serving this great nation and the 54 States, Territories and the District of Columbia. The process to select a Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau is lengthy. To ensure we are able to complete the process by the end of my tour, I am now seeking nominations for the next Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau. In accordance with the United States Code, nominees must be recommended by a governor and be a member of the Army National Guard of the United States or the Air National Guard of the United States in the grade of lieutenant general or major general with at least 10 years of commissioned service in the National Guard. Additionally, the officer must possess or be eligible for a top secret security clearance, have significant joint experience, and have an extensive background in National Guard management.

The Vice Chief's appointment is for a term of four years. I respectfully request that your nominee's name arrive at the National Guard Bureau not later than December 14, 2015. A negative reply, if appropriate, is requested.

A copy of this correspondence has been provided to your Adjutant General. My point of contact for your staff is Colonel Russell L. Ponder, Chief of the General Officer Management Office, at 571-256-7334, or russell.l.ponder.mil@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Frank J. Grass", is positioned above the printed name.

Frank J. Grass
General, U.S. Army
Chief, National Guard Bureau