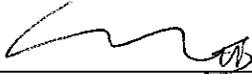


Office of White House Counsel Waiver Certification

Pursuant to Executive Order 13770, Section 3, and as the President's designee authorized to grant such a waiver, it is in the public interest to grant a waiver of Section 1, paragraph 6 of the Executive Order to Randall G. Schriver, United States Department of Defense ("DoD") as it pertains to the Government of Japan. I have determined that this waiver is required to enable him to effectively carry out his duties as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs. Absent this waiver, Mr. Schriver would be restricted for two years, beginning with his appointment date, from participating in any particular matter involving specific parties in which his former client, the Government of Japan, ("Japan"), is a party or represents a party. The role of the Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs is at the center of the DoD's important national security mission in the largest and most populated theater of operations. The successful accomplishment of DoD's missions within the Pacific theater relies on extensive, open, and collaborative communications within the DoD and between Mr. Schriver, United States Government officials and foreign government officials. In authorizing this waiver, I have considered the nature of Mr. Schriver's previous involvement with Japan while serving as a hired consultant and the critical national interest served by authorizing him to freely communicate with all members of the national and international community regarding all aspects of DoD's mission and operations. This waiver will significantly promote and protect the public interest by enabling Mr. Schriver to freely carry out the responsibilities of his office.

This waiver does not otherwise affect Mr. Schriver's obligation to comply with all other pre-existing government ethics rules, other provisions of the Executive Order, or the other commitments he made in his Ethics Agreement.

8 JANUARY 2018
Date



Donald F. McGahn II
White House Counsel