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May 5, 2009

The Honorable Robert M. Gates  
Secretary of Defense  
U.S. Department of Defense  
1400 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Secretary Gates:

Under Rules X and XI of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is investigating the performance and cost of the V-22 Osprey aircraft. To assist the Committee in better understanding the V-22 program, please provide the following information and records:

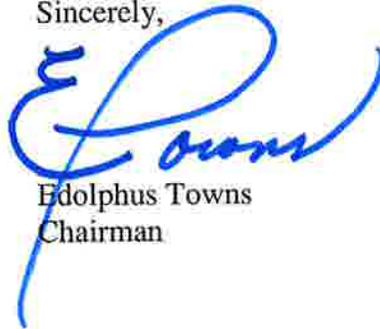
1. A list, by bureau number, of all V-22 Osprey aircraft acquired by the Department of Defense (DOD), indicating date of acquisition, current location, and whether still in service. For purposes of this list, "in service" means that the aircraft has not been lost, scrapped, or transferred to a non-DOD owner.
2. A list, by bureau number, of all V-22 Osprey aircraft acquired by DOD, indicating the readiness condition of each aircraft for each day for the period beginning with the Initial Operational Capability date in March 2007 through April 30, 2009, and the specific reasons for each aircraft not being Mission Capable or Full Mission Capable. The readiness condition should be specified according to the following categories:
  - Mission Capable
  - Full Mission Capable
  - Non-Mission Capable Supply
  - Non-Mission Capable Maintenance
  - Partial Mission Capable Supply
  - Partial Mission Capable Maintenance

3. Copies of the following reports by the Marine Corps Center for Lessons Learned:
  - MV-22 Combat Operations in Iraq - Lessons and Observations from VMM-263 Deployed October 2007 - April 2008 OIF 06-08.2, dated May 14, 2008; and
  - MV-22 Combat Operations in Iraq - Lessons and Observations from Tiltrotor Squadron VMM-266 in Operation Iraqi Freedom, September 2008 - April 2009, OIF 08.2, dated March 9, 2009.
4. Copies of all other memoranda, studies, and reports that discuss, assess, or analyze: (a) the overall readiness condition and availability of the V-22 aircraft; and (b) the operational effectiveness and operational suitability of V-22s used in Iraq since October 2007.

Please deliver the requested information and records to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, room 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2009.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me or have your staff contact Steven Rangel or Lisa Cody of the Committee staff at 202-225-5051.

Sincerely,



Edolphus Towns  
Chairman