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December 16, 2009

The Honorable Robert M. Gates  
Secretary of Defense  
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Dear Secretary Gates:

The Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is conducting an investigation into the Afghan Host Nation Trucking (“HNT”) contract and recent allegations that private security providers for HNT convoys pay protection money to local warlords and the Taliban in Afghanistan.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the House of Representatives and has broad oversight jurisdiction, as set forth in House Rule X, to investigate “any matter” within its legislative jurisdiction as well as the jurisdictions of any other standing House Committees (House Rule X, clause 4(c)(2)). Pursuant to Committee Rule 8(a)(5), the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs has jurisdiction encompassing oversight of national security, homeland security, and foreign affairs.

In order to assist the Subcommittee with its investigation, I respectfully request that the Department of Defense (“DoD”) provide the Subcommittee with the following documents and information:

1. Information sufficient to identify all HNT contractors, their CEOs, and their HNT project manager.
2. Information sufficient to show the total cost of the HNT contract to date, broken down by HNT contractor.
3. Information sufficient to show the total security costs of the HNT contract to date, broken down by HNT contractor.

4. Information sufficient to identify all HNT subcontractors, including licensed and unlicensed private security providers.
5. A copy of all Security Plans submitted by HNT contractors to the DoD pursuant to Sections 4.9.8 and 8.6 of the HNT Statement of Work.
6. A copy of all Incident Reports, Asset Damage Reports, Personal Injury Reports, and/or Daily Event Situation Reports submitted by HNT contractors to the DoD pursuant to Section 6.0 of the HNT Statement of Work.
7. All documents related to HNT contractors' use of licensed or unlicensed private security providers for HNT convoys, including, but not limited to: subcontracts, pricing schedules, invoices, security reports, email correspondence, and incident reports.
8. All documents from the Armed Contracting Oversight Directorate related to HNT security, including, but not limited to, memoranda, meeting notes, email correspondence, and armament requests.
9. All documents related to HNT security.

I appreciate your cooperation in this important matter. The Subcommittee requests that all documents and responses be provided on or before Friday, January 15, 2010. Please refer to the attached information sheet for definitions of certain terms and for instructions on document production. Please contact Scott Lindsay or Andy Wright on the Subcommittee staff at (202) 225-2548 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Chairman  
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