

Rep. Waxman asks for a full explanation of the role of Ambassador Dick Jones, Secretary of State Rice's choice to head U.S. Iraq policy, in the steering of a lucrative fuel contract to an obscure Kuwaiti company.

February 17, 2005

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Madam Secretary:

Recent press accounts indicate that you intend to appoint Ambassador Richard H. Jones to a

I am writing because there are many unanswered questions about why Ambassador Jones is in

With Rep. John Dingell, I first wrote to you in October of 2003 regarding the exorbitant prices

One month later, in December 2003, auditors at the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) r

Despite these warnings, State Department documents obtained by the Committee on Govern

[T]ell KBR to get off their butts and conclude deals with Kuwait NOW! Tell them we want a dea

Within days, a senior government contracting official at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers con

I will not direct KBR to negotiate only with Altanmia to purchase fuel from Kuwait. M

A fundamental principle of government contracting is that “[g]overnment business sh

In this case, however, it appears that Ambassador Jones intervened to block the Corps of Eng

I request that you release the results of any investigations completed by the State Departmen

Sincerely,

Henry A. Waxman
Ranking Minority Member

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- 1 Rice Moves to Name Senior Advisers, Boston Globe (Feb. 17, 2005).
 - 2 Telephone conversation between Department of State Inspector General Legislative
 - 3 E-Mail Muddies Probe of KBR, Houston Chronicle (Nov. 11, 2004) (“The State Depa
 - 4 Letter from Reps. Henry A. Waxman and John D. Dingell to National Security Adviso
 - 5 See Letter from Reps. Henry A. Waxman and John D. Dingell to Office of Managemen
 - 6 U.S. Department of Defense, News Briefing (Dec. 11, 2003).
 - 7 Letter from Mary C. Robertson, Administrative Contracting Officer, U.S. Army Corps
 - 8 Federal Acquisition Regulation, 48 CFR 3.101-1.
 - 9 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Contract DACA63-03-D-0005, Clause 52.244-5(a) (M

Documents and Links

- [Letter to the State Department](#)