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April 10, 2013

Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick
Commanding General and Chief of Engineers
United States Army Corps of Engineers
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Washington, DC 20314

Dear General Bostick:

On November 19, 2012, Senator Susan Collins and I wrote to you regarding a settlement agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the contractor DynCorp International LLC (DynCorp) relating to the construction of a garrison for the Afghan National Army in Kunduz Province, Afghanistan.¹ We raised concerns regarding USACE's decision to pay DynCorp more than \$70 million under contracts worth \$72.8 million. As you know, a report by the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) found that DynCorp's work on construction of the garrison was so poor that several buildings at the garrison were unsafe, uninhabitable, or unusable.²

On December 12, 2012, USACE staff met with Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee staff to provide the briefing requested in our letter. At the meeting, USACE staff stated that USACE intended to conduct a complete review of the terms and circumstances surrounding the settlement agreement with DynCorp. Committee staff requested and USACE staff agreed to provide copies of that review upon completion.

According to *Bloomberg News*, USACE has now completed its internal review and has determined that the settlement was proper and reasonable.³ To date, the Committee has not

¹ Letter from Senator McCaskill and Senator Collins to Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, Commanding General and Chief of Engineers, United States Army Corps of Engineers (Nov. 19, 2012).

² Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, *Kunduz ANA Garrison: Army Corps of Engineers Released DynCorp of All Contractual Obligations Despite Poor Performance and Structural Failures* (Oct. 25, 2012) (SIGAR Inspection 13-1).

³ *DynCorp's Afghan Settlement with Army Called a 'Mugging'*, Bloomberg (Apr. 2, 2013) (online at <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-04-02/dyncorp-s-afghan-settlement-with-army-called-a-mugging-.html>).

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received a copy of this review from USACE. I therefore request that you provide copies of all internal investigations, reports, and findings related to the settlement and original contract with DynCorp as soon as possible.

Please contact Alan Kahn with Senator McCaskill at (202) 224-3230 with any questions. Please send any official correspondence relating to this request to Lauren_Corcoran@hsgac.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: Ron Johnson
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