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Maj. Gen. Kelly K. McKeague
Commander
The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command
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Dear Gen. McKeague:

I recently learned that an internal report regarding the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) found serious problems with JPAC. According to the Associated Press, the report found that JPAC is so mismanaged that it risks “total failure.” The report found that JPAC has wasted or abused taxpayer funds on travel, particularly to Europe, and that the trips amounted to little more than “military tourism.” The report also found that the processes JPAC uses to gather remains are “acutely dysfunctional” and that its main database is “riddled with unreliable data.” The report also found that JPAC spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on payments to North Korea to retrieve remains that had been “planted” at recovery sites. According to the Associated Press, the report was banned by the former Commander of JPAC and JPAC did not consider any of the report’s findings or recommendations.¹

As part of the Subcommittee’s ongoing oversight of federal financial management and policies to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars, I request that you provide the report and all communications relating to its findings and recommendations. I also request that you provide a briefing for Subcommittee staff regarding the report, JPAC’s response, and any actions taken by JPAC to improve its management and oversight following the report. I request that you provide the documents and briefing as soon as possible, but in no case later than **July 19, 2013**.

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight is set forth in Senate Rule XXV clause 1(k); Senate Resolution 445 section 101 (108th Congress); and Senate Resolution 64 (113th Congress). An attachment to this letter provides additional information on how to respond to the Subcommittee’s request.

¹ Associated Press, *Internal Report Calls MIA Accounting Work ‘Acutely Dysfunctional,’ Could Fail* (July 7, 2013) (online at http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/ap-impact-internal-report-calls-mia-accounting-work-acutely-dysfunctional-could-fail/2013/07/07/7a09bee6-e6f7-11e2-818e-aa29e855f3ab_story_1.html).

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Please have your staff contact Margaret Daum with the Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-7155 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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Enclosure