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HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

November 18, 2013

The Honorable Ray Mabus
Secretary of the Navy
U.S. Department of Defense
1200 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-1200

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing regarding the recent reports of fraud and abuse related to contracts with Glenn Defense Marine Asia.

The Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight has learned of a federal investigation and the indictment of Navy commanders Michael Vannak Khem Misiewicz and Jose Luis Sanchez, Naval Criminal Investigative Service agent John Beliveau II, and civilians Leonard Glenn Francis and Alex Wisidagama in connection with fraud and bribery related to government contracts.¹ Mr. Francis reportedly provided Navy officials with lavish trips, prostitutes, and tickets to shows and concerts in exchange for confidential information and steering business to Mr. Francis' company, Glenn Defense Marine Asia.² At least two Navy admirals have already been implicated.³

I find these reports extremely troubling, as they appear to indicate a widespread fraud that was perpetuated for years with the active assistance of numerous, high-ranking Navy officials. As part of the Subcommittee's ongoing oversight of government contracting, I therefore request a briefing for Subcommittee staff about this scheme, the ongoing investigation, and what administrative actions the Navy plans to take to ensure that federal taxpayer dollars are adequately protected. I request that this briefing take place on or before **Thursday, December 5, 2013**.

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Financial and 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).

¹ See, e.g., *Suspect at center of Navy bribery scandal due in court*, Los Angeles Times (Nov. 17, 2013); *'Fat Leonard', Lady Gaga and the U.S. Navy: New details in bribery case*, CNN (Nov. 11, 2013); *Two admirals face probe in Navy bribery scheme*, The Washington Post (Nov. 8, 2013)

² *Records Cite Lavish Gifts in Navy Bribery Case*, The New York Times (Nov. 7, 2013)

³ *Contracting Case Implicates 2 Admirals*, The New York Times (Nov. 8, 2013)

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Please contact Cathy Yu with Senator McCaskill's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-9383 with any questions. Please send any correspondence relating to this request to the Subcommittee's clerk at Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Claire McCaskill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Claire" written in a large, looped script, followed by "McCaskill" in a similar but slightly more compact style.

Claire McCaskill
Chairman
Subcommittee on Financial and
Contracting Oversight

cc: Ron Johnson
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Financial and
Contracting Oversight