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June 15, 2017

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Dear Mr. Rozanski:

I am writing in response to a report that Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH) – operating under a contract with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency – inadvertently allowed sensitive information to be stored on a public server, including a senior engineer’s passwords and security credentials.<sup>1</sup> This is just the latest incident where BAH’s ability to manage sensitive information has come into question, including the theft of classified information by Edward Snowden and Harold Thomas Martin III, both BAH employees working under federal contracts.<sup>2</sup>

This report raises serious questions about the security protocols that BAH has in place to prevent these types of occurrences. In order to better understand BAH’s ability to protect sensitive and classified information related to government contracts, I request that you provide the following information on or before July 26, 2017:

- 1) What steps has BAH taken to determine how this information became available on a publicly accessible server?
- 2) Has BAH determined whether any policies or security protocols were breached and what actions have been taken against any personnel responsible for the breach?

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<sup>1</sup> *Top Defense Contractor Left Sensitive Pentagon Files on Amazon Server With No Password*, Gizmodo (May 31, 2017) ([http://gizmodo.com/top-defense-contractor-left-sensitive-pentagon-files-on-1795669632?rev=1496238181512&utm\\_campaign=socialflow\\_gizmodo\\_twitter&utm\\_source=gizmodo\\_twitter&utm\\_medium=socialflow](http://gizmodo.com/top-defense-contractor-left-sensitive-pentagon-files-on-1795669632?rev=1496238181512&utm_campaign=socialflow_gizmodo_twitter&utm_source=gizmodo_twitter&utm_medium=socialflow)).

<sup>2</sup> *Edward Snowden: the whistleblower behind the NSA surveillance revelations*, The Guardian (June 11, 2013) (<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/jun/09/edward-snowden-nsa-whistleblower-surveillance>); *A former NSA contractor allegedly stole documents seemingly far more sensitive than anything Snowden made public*, Business Insider (February 9, 2017) (<http://www.businessinsider.com/harold-martin-allegedly-stole-snowden-2017-2>).

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3) What steps is BAH taking in order to prevent similar occurrences in the future?

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions please contact Tim Brennan with my staff at (202) 224-1839 or [Tim\\_Brennan@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Tim_Brennan@hsgac.senate.gov). Please send any official correspondence related to this request to Amanda Trosen at [Amanda\\_Trosen@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Amanda_Trosen@hsgac.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



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