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The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary
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Dear Mr. Rumsfeld:

The Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations has jurisdiction over matters affecting the "overall economy, efficiency and management of government operations and activities, including Federal procurement..." (Rule X, clause 1(h)(6), Rules of the House of Representatives). Pursuant to that oversight jurisdiction, the Subcommittee requests you provide certain information regarding Presidential Support Activities (PSAs).

Department of Defense (DOD) regulations (DOD Instruction 5210.87, dated 30 Nov 1998) stipulate that all persons directly associated with Presidential Support Activities (PSAs) such as the manufacture, repair and maintenance of the presidential helicopter fleet must meet the highest Defense Department security clearance requirements. Among other things, this clearance requires "all relevant personnel to be citizens of the United States who are not married to non-citizens and who possess unquestionable loyalty to the United States."

Potential vulnerabilities to presidential support duties include the disruption of the supply chain, risk to critical parts manufactured and sealed in a foreign country, and protection of intellectual property for sensitive procurements. Accordingly, the Subcommittee would like to learn what are the Department procedures for monitoring compliance with DOD Instruction 5210.87.

The Subcommittee would a response at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please contact Lawrence Halloran or Vincent Chase of the Subcommittee staff at 202-225-2548. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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