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Dear Vice Admiral Route:

The Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations are evaluating questions regarding contracting issues related to the Office of Naval Research between 2000 and present. As part of that review we are requesting from your office the following:

- 1) All Navy Inspector General (IG) audits, investigation reports or letter reports issued between June 2000 and the present involving the Office of Naval Research;
- 2) All Navy IG audits, investigation reports, letter reports, allegations concerning ethics, and/or complaints involving Rear Admiral Jay Cohen (formerly Chief of the Office of Naval Research) between October 1997 and the present;
- 3) All Navy IG reports involving contracts awarded to American Superconductor between June 2000 and the present.

Please provide these reports to the Committee by no later than Monday, August 27, 2007.

If you have any questions, please contact us or Richard Miller with the Committee on Energy and Commerce staff at (202) 226-2424.

Sincerely,



John D. Dingell  
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