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April 4, 2008

Mr. Gene L. Dodaro
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Dear Mr. Dodaro:

On April 22, 2008, we plan to hold a joint hearing of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs regarding the report recently issued by GAO entitled *Defense Acquisitions: Assessments of Selected Weapon Programs* (GAO-08-467SP).

We ask that you or your designees testify about the broad trends, incentives, and challenges present in the Defense Department's current acquisition system for major weapon programs. You may wish to highlight select weapon programs as examples or illustrations of these broad findings, but we plan to hold subsequent hearings that focus in greater detail on these specific programs. We are also very interested in hearing any specific legislative suggestions or oversight strategies that would be useful in correcting existing problems.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the House of Representatives and has broad oversight jurisdiction as set forth in House Rule X. Pursuant to Committee Rule 8(a)(5), the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs has jurisdiction encompassing oversight of national security, homeland security, and foreign affairs. Information for witnesses appearing before the Committee is contained in the enclosed Witness Information Sheet.

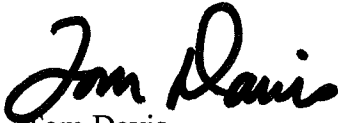
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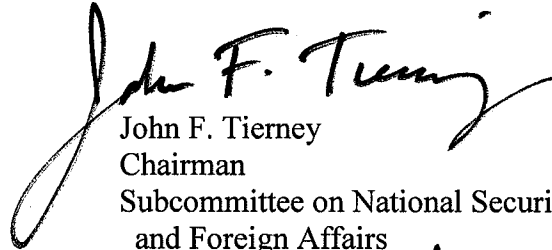
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