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The Honorable Linda E. Stiff
Acting Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20224

Dear Ms. Stiff:

As part of the Oversight Committee's investigation into the business practices of Blackwater Worldwide, the Committee has obtained evidence indicating that Blackwater may have improperly designated its security guards as "independent contractors" rather than "employees" in order to avoid paying and withholding federal taxes.

I request that the Internal Revenue Service initiate an inquiry into whether Blackwater has complied with federal tax laws and take any appropriate enforcement action. I am enclosing for your review a memorandum I sent today to the members of the Oversight Committee. It summarizes the information that the Committee has received.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact me or ask your staff to contact Theodore Chuang or Russell Anello of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5420.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member