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October 5, 2007

Mr. Darrell Crawford  
President  
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Dear Mr. Crawford:

I am writing to request information about Andrew J. Moonen, a former employee of Combat Support Associates (CSA).

At a hearing of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on October 2 entitled, "Blackwater USA: Private Military Contractor Activity in Iraq and Afghanistan," Committee members raised questions about a December 24, 2006, incident in which Mr. Moonen, then a security contractor for Blackwater USA, shot and killed a guard for the Iraqi Vice President in a confrontation in the Green Zone. As described at the hearing, the State Department and Blackwater cooperated to have Mr. Moonen flown out of Iraq within 36 hours of the shooting and to make a cash payment to the victim's family as "the best way to assure the Iraqis don't take steps, such as telling Blackwater that they are no longer able to work in Iraq."<sup>1</sup> Although the State Department has asserted that the Justice Department is continuing to investigate the matter, to date no charges have been brought against Mr. Moonen.

Today, CNN reported that in February 2007, Mr. Moonen was hired by Combat Support Associates, a Defense Department contractor, to work in Kuwait through August 2007. According to the report, "Because the State Department and Blackwater kept the incident quiet and out of Moonen's personnel records, CSA was unaware of the December incident when it hired Moonen."<sup>2</sup>

I hereby request that CSA produce to the Committee copies of all documents relating to Mr. Moonen, including but not limited to a copy of Mr. Moonen's personnel file and any communications regarding the recruitment, hiring, and employment of Mr. Moonen to work in Kuwait.

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<sup>1</sup> E-Mail from Charge d'Affaires, to Regional Security Officer (Dec. 25, 2006).

<sup>2</sup> *Contractor Involved in Iraq Shooting Got Job in Kuwait*, CNN.com (Oct. 5, 2007).

Additionally, the Committee asks that CSA provide written responses to the following questions:

1. What government contract or subcontract was Mr. Moonen hired to work on? Provide a description of the contract or subcontract, including the contracting agency, the prime contractor (if applicable), the dollar value of the contract, the term of the contract, and a summary of the work performed under the contract.
2. What were Mr. Moonen's duties and responsibilities during his employment or contract with CSA?
3. What steps did CSA take to research Mr. Moonen's background prior to hiring him?
4. What documents, if any, did CSA review relating to Mr. Moonen's prior employment or contract with Blackwater USA on a State Department contract?
5. What communications, if any, did CSA have with Blackwater USA or the State Department regarding Mr. Moonen prior to hiring him?
6. Did Mr. Moonen have a security clearance during his employment with CSA? What steps were taken to verify that he had such a clearance?
7. Did Mr. Moonen travel to Iraq during the period of his employment with CSA? Provide the dates of travel and a description of his assignment.

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. Enclosed with this letter are instructions on how to respond to the Committee's document request. All documents and written responses should be produced directly to the Committee no later than Friday, October 12, 2007.

If you have any questions, please contact Theodore Chuang or Christopher Davis of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5420.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman  
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Tom Davis  
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