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March 27, 2008

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Madam Secretary:

Today's *New York Times* raises questions about the actions of AEY Inc., a company with several U.S. government contracts to provide weapons, ammunition, and munitions to military forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.¹ The Oversight Committee plans to hold a hearing on these matters at 10:00 a.m. on April 17, 2008, in Room 2157 of the Rayburn House Office Building. I request that the senior State Department official with knowledge of the Department's contracts with the company provide testimony at the hearing.

At the hearing, please be prepared to discuss the scope of AEY's contracts with the Department, efforts by the Department to determine whether AEY is a responsible contractor capable of adequate performance under federal contracts, the Department's efforts to investigate allegations that AEY may have violated U.S. law and government contracting regulations, and any actions the Department has taken against the company as a result of such investigation. The Committee will be sending you under separate cover a request for documents relating to this issue. In addition, I request that your Department provide a briefing with Committee staff on or before April 11, 2008.

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. Information for witnesses appearing before the Committee is contained in the enclosed Witness Information Sheet.

¹ *Supplier Under Scrutiny on Aging Arms for Afghans*, New York Times (Mar. 27, 2008) (online at www.nytimes.com/2008/03/27/world/asia/27ammo.html?_r=1&hp&oref=slogin).

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If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Theodore Chuang or Suzanne Renaud with the Committee staff at (202) 225-5420.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry A. Waxman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Henry A. Waxman
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member