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**To:** Blank, Scott; Hadjiyane, Paul  
**Subject:** Fw: ACTION Re: SECDEF Congressional

**Importance:** High

Scott and Paul,

Did not happen on Kirk's watch - however, I am concerned on some of the answers provided below.

Pls dive deeper on answers that lead to follow-on questions.

Key will also be what have we done to prevent repeat!

Dave

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**Subject:** RE: ACTION Re: SECDEF Congressional

Sir,

Answers below.

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Kirk some quick questions,

Specifically on NBR 4:

"February 2007, DCMA was aware of some electrical problems with RPC buildings."

- What did we know? Answer: An ACO had possession of limited technical inspection records in the ACO file.
- How did we know it? Answer: We have not determined when the records were placed in the share drive file (pre or post death). We are currently evaluating. We believe the mislabeled 2006 (actually 2007)

inspection records pre-existed in the ACO files.

- What did we do about? Documentation? Answer: There are no known documented actions with the technical records.

"No one knew the extent of the severity of the electrical site problems."

- Should we have? Answer: Yes.  
- How would we have known? Answer: Through KBR's technical inspections.  
- Why not? Answer: Because the inspections were limited and never reviewed by a qualified Government employee.

"No COR was appointed"

- Should we have pressed for? Answer: Yes.  
- Did we ask for one? Answer: Unknown. Since I have been the commander, we have been pressing for one.  
- If not why not?  
- What is the driving reqmt(s) to request assignment for a COR?  
Answer: Subject matter expertise and unit's willingness to assign as an "additional duty."

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Sir,

1. Susan Taunton, Site ACO under Southern Iraq command, was the only DCMA employee interviewed by the CID on 10 January 2008. After we gained access this weekend to her sworn statements and two KBR employees interviewed, we now take exception to contractual statements provided in their respective interviews.
2. No. It was not KBR's policy. KBR qualified its concerns in its proposal at the time the ACL was negotiated and definitized by the forward ASC PCO. A number of factors contributed. In review of the ASC PCO PNM, it provides no clear understanding why the Government was willing to "in effect" waive the SOW requirements, which mandated it.
3. No. ASC has not received a Congressional yet. They are expecting.  
Note: Mr. Thompson is aware of our Congressional. Kevin Larkin (current ASC forward PCO) has been in our fact-finding review and coordination. Additionally, Mr. Thompson has seen an early draft in fact-finding. Mr. DeFrieze, ASC Attorney, is in-bound this week for rotation assignment, is aware of, and will be taking the lead for ASC.
4. Yes. But in February 2007, DCMA was aware of some electrical problems with RPC buildings. No one knew the extent of the severity of the electrical site problems. No COR was appointed nor did the unit's mayor cell report the problems to our knowledge.

v/r  
Kirk  
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Kirk, a few quick questions to start with:

1. Who in DCMA was interviewed and did we provide inaccurate information or was it misinterpreted?
2. Was it KBR policy that allowed for a waiver to complete inspection?
3. Do we know what information has been given by ASC?
4. My conclusion from reading this indicates no one knew the severity of the problem. I assume this was never reported by the COR?

I would like to set up a conference call sometime today before you close up office.

Thanks

Keith

From: Vollmecke, Kirk [mailto:VollmeckeK@...]  
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Sir/Scott/Jeff,

I have completed my review over the past 96 hours. We have prepared a detailed summary memorandum and executive summary brief for review by our leadership and Mr. Ernst (cc'd). My HQ staff and Madi (first attorney forward deployed) have done an outstanding job in orchestrating and supporting fact-finding, retrieval, and reviews.

Madi has loaded all references and documents into the DCMA legal portal for protective purposes (Paul H can pull down to assemble complete books as required).

Next, I will be sending a memo the CID BN CDR challenging the misrepresented contractual statements of facts noted in sworn statements and released to NOK as evident by SECDEF Congressional and demanding that my memorandum be considered and appended into their criminal investigative file.

Given the sensitivity of this matter and release to NOK imputing DCMA I/A, I have made critical recommendations for CAPT Graff/Mr. Ernst to concur with and recommend to OSD. Given the post-Tillman environment, I don't see any other alternative given the complexity of this matter.

v/r

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