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Mr. Neal P. Curtin
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Washington, D.C. 20548-0001

Dear Mr. Curtin:

This is the Department of Defense (DoD) response to the GAO Final Report, GAO-03-695, "MILITARY OPERATIONS: Contractors Provide Vital Services to Deployed Forces but Are Not Adequately Addressed in DOD Plans," dated June 2003 (Code 350239). We have received the final report and note that it provides an additional year to complete the review required by recommendation number 1. While the additional time is appreciated, the remainder of the DoD reply to draft report remains the same regarding recommendation number 1. With regard to recommendation number 5, we now fully concur with that recommendation based on the changes incorporated into the final report that reflect our comments on the draft report. The DoD comments on recommendations numbers 2, 3, 4 and 6 remain the same as previously submitted for the draft report.

My point of contact is Mr. William C. Timperley who can be reached at (703) 697-8336 or via e-mail at william.timperley@osd.mil.

Sincerely,

for Vincent J. Leck
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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSPECTOR GENERAL

THROUGH: DIRECTOR, ACQUISITION RESOURCES AND ANALYSIS *RA Henry*
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SUBJECT: GAO FINAL Report, GAO-03-695, "MILITARY OPERATIONS:
Contractors Provide Vital Services to Deployed Forces but are Not
Adequately Addressed in DoD Plans," dated June 24, 2003 (GAO 350239)

This is in response to your memorandum of July 2, 2003, requesting review of the
subject final report and preparation of official DoD comments, if any. My proposed
comments on the final report are attached.

Deidre A. Lee
Director, Defense Procurement
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Attachment:
As stated

