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Mr. Neal P. Curtin
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Dear Mr. Curtin:

This is the Department of Defense (DoD) response to the GAO final report, "MILITARY OPERATIONS: DoD's Extensive Use of Logistics Support Contracts Requires Strengthened Oversight," dated July 19, 2004 (GAO Code 350427/GAO-04-854).

The Department appreciates the inclusion of our comments on the draft report as Appendix II of the final report. The Department's position on the report is unchanged and the agreed-to actions are in progress.

Sincerely,

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