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The Honorable Chuck Hagel
Secretary of Defense
United States Department of Defense
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to invite witnesses from the Department of Defense to testify before the Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight at a hearing entitled, "Mismanagement of POW/MIA Accounting." The hearing will be held on Thursday, August 1, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in Room SD-342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The Subcommittee invites the following witnesses to testify: Major General Kelly K. McKeague, Commander, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command; Major General (Ret.) W. Montague Winfield, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs; Dr. Thomas D. Holland, Scientific Director, Central Identification Laboratory; John A. Goines, Chief, Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory.

The purpose of the hearing is to review the Defense Department's accounting for missing personnel. The hearing will focus on the Department's financial management and oversight of its accounting mission. The hearing will also examine the roles and responsibilities of the Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Acting Accounting Command (JPAC), the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Person Personnel Office (DPMO), the Central Identification Laboratory, and the Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory.

The witnesses' testimony should address the responsibilities of their commands, offices and laboratories, including the development of personnel accounting policy and the extent of coordination between JPAC and DPMO. The witnesses' testimony should also address issues of duplication and coordination between the laboratories. The witnesses should be prepared to address the Department of Defense's current capacity for personnel accounting, including detailed information regarding expenditures and personnel capabilities.

The Subcommittee requests that the witnesses summarize their testimony in 5 minutes, although a longer written statement may be submitted for the official record. This will allow adequate time for the witnesses to engage in questions and answers with members of the Subcommittee. **Subcommittee rules require that your testimony be submitted by no later than 10:30 A.M. on Tuesday, July 30, 2013.** Please send official correspondence relating to this invitation, including an electronic copy of your written

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statement and a brief one page biography, to Subcommittee Clerk, Lauren Corcoran, at Lauren_Corcoran@hsgac.senate.gov.

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight is set forth in Senate Rule XXV clause 1(k); Senate Resolution 445 section 101 (108th Congress); and Senate Resolution 64 (113th Congress).

We look forward to your participation. Please contact Sarah Garcia with Senator McCaskill's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5602 or Ritika Rodrigues with Senator Johnson's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-2254 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
Chairman
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