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September 13, 2013

Harry Anderson Page
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Dear Mr. Page:

I am writing to request information about the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) fellowship program. The fellowship came to my attention as the Subcommittee was preparing for a hearing on POW/MIA accounting. At the hearing, I learned that the Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC), a component of the Department of Defense, relies heavily on ORISE fellows to accomplish its mission, and that a significant portion of what JPAC pays for fellows goes toward overhead.¹

In order to assist the Subcommittee with its oversight of the ORISE fellowship program, I request that you provide information sufficient to show the rules of the fellowship, including how long fellows may participate in the program and how fellows are supervised and evaluated. I also request that you provide the Subcommittee with a list of all ORISE fellows from 2003 to 2013. This list should include information sufficient to show the federal agency where the fellow was placed, the dates of the fellowship, the compensation paid by the federal agency to ORISE for the fellow's employment, the compensation received by the fellow, and whether the fellow accepted full-time federal employment during or following the fellowship.

I request that you provide this information to the Subcommittee as soon as possible, but in no case later than, **October 4, 2013**. If you determine that you will be unable to make a complete production by this date, please contact Subcommittee staff to discuss possible modifications to this schedule.

I also ask that you provide a briefing for Subcommittee staff on or before, **October 4, 2013**. This briefing should include a detailed description of the recruitment process for locating qualified individuals for the fellowship program and the specific qualifications for participation,

¹ Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight, *POW-MIA Accounting*, 113th Cong. (Aug. 1, 2013).

any circumstances where applicants have been accepted for fellowship positions despite not meeting the qualifications, and any circumstances where fellows were terminated.

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). An attachment to this letter provides additional information about how to respond to the Subcommittee's request.

Please contact Sarah Garcia with the Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5602 with any questions. Please send any official correspondence relating to this request to [Kelsey Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure