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September 27, 2016

The Honorable Glenn A. Fine
Acting Inspector General
U.S. Department of Defense
4800 Mark Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22350-1500

Dear Acting Inspector General Fine:

I am writing to you based on reports that a senior Army National Guard flag officer has been relieved from his position for failing to meet the Army's standards for senior leaders. As I understand, the allegations against him include having affairs and abusing government resources and government travel. I also understand that this general lived rent-free in a home of a military contractor, Peduzzi Associates, Ltd., that was doing business with the Department of Defense. This contractor is also a registered lobbyist for Sikorsky, a large military contractor that builds billions of dollars' worth of Black Hawk and other military helicopters, and the officer previously worked for the director of the Army National Guard Liaison for Aviation Transformation.¹

Unfortunately, I have seen far too often the effects of the military-contractor "revolving door" to believe that this is simply a coincidence. I request that you review these reports and determine whether an investigation into this matter, including any misconduct regarding this officer's relationship with the contractor, is warranted. I also ask that you review whether any contracts were solicited or awarded in violation of the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation due to this relationship.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact Jackson Eaton with the Subcommittee at (202) 224-9505 with any questions. Please send any official correspondence relating to this request to Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

cc: Ashton B. Carter
Secretary
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¹ *Joint Staff General's Girlfriend Problem Grounds Career*, USA Today (Sept. 23, 2016).