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Mr. R. Timothy Tapp
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McLean, VA 22102

Dear Mr. Tapp:

On January 19, 2007, this Committee sent an invitation to Jameel Al Sane, Chairman of Regency Hotel & Hospitality, Inc., requesting that he testify at a Committee hearing on February 7, 2007, relating to Regency's involvement in private security contracting in Iraq. On January 22, 2007, the Committee sent a written request to Mr. Al Sane seeking documents relating to this issue. Understanding that Mr. Al Sane is based in Kuwait, and having learned that you had previously served as Regency's Managing Director for Business Operations, Committee staff contacted you by telephone on January 31 to discuss these requests and informed you that it was considering requesting your testimony at the February 7 hearing.

Although you agreed to meet with Committee staff on February 2, you did not appear. In a telephone conversation that day, you and your counsel then agreed to meet with Committee staff on February 5. That same day, the Committee issued you, through your counsel, a formal invitation to testify at the February 7 hearing.

On February 5, however, you did not appear at the meeting with Committee staff, but instead sent your counsel. Committee staff again requested to meet with you and to receive your testimony on February 7. On February 6, through counsel, you stated that you would not meet with Committee staff and would not testify at the hearing.

Needless to say, we are extremely disappointed at your failure to comply with these requests.

Given this record, the Committee is considering the use of compulsory measures to obtain your cooperation. This step could be avoided, however, if you would provide, on a voluntary basis, the information sought by the Committee. We thus urge you to provide the following information to the Committee without further delay:

1. Contracts and subcontracts, whether classified or unclassified, relating to business activities of Regency Hotel & Hospitality, Inc. (Regency) with one or more of the following companies: (a) Halliburton/KBR[1] (b) Blackwater[2]; (c) ESS Support Services Worldwide; or (d) the Fluor Corporation.

2. For each contracting arrangement that included the provision of security-related services in Iraq by Blackwater, (1) invoices reflecting work performed and costs incurred by Blackwater, Regency, or any other company relating to Blackwater's security activities; (2) billing records reflecting the amounts billed by Blackwater, Regency, or any other company relating to Blackwater's security activities; and (3) payment records reflecting the amounts paid to Blackwater, Regency, or any other company for Blackwater's security activities; and

3. Internal Regency correspondence and external correspondence with companies listed in (1) above relating to subcontracts for security-related activities in Iraq.

We request that you provide these documents as soon as possible, but in no case later than **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2007.** An attachment to this letter provides additional information about how to respond to the Committee's request. We also request that you appear for an interview at **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.** You should report to **Room 2157 Rayburn House Office Building.**

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact David Rapallo or Theodore Chuang with the Committee staff at (202) 225-5420.

Sincerely,

Henry A. Waxman
Chairman

Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member

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[1] "KBR" refers to KBR, Inc., Kellogg, Brown & Root, and any affiliated entities under the control of KBR, Inc.

[2] "Blackwater" refers to Blackwater USA, Blackwater Security Consulting and any subsidiaries or affiliated companies, including but not limited to Blackwater Training Center, Blackwater Target Systems, Blackwater Canine, Raven Development Group, Aviation Worldwide Services, and Greystone Ltd.