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April 17, 2007

The Honorable Thomas F. Gimble
Acting Inspector General
U.S. Department of Defense
400 Army-Navy Drive
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Gimble:

The Committee invites you to testify at a hearing entitled "Misleading Information on the Battlefield" on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2154, Rayburn House Office Building. During the hearing, the Committee will examine inaccurate battlefield accounts disseminated to the American public in the course of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Committee asks that you provide testimony about the events that led to the death of Corporal Patrick Tillman near Manah, Afghanistan, on April 22, 2004, and the investigations the Defense Department subsequently conducted into this incident. In particular, the Committee asks that you discuss the findings of the report your office issued on March 26, 2007, entitled "Review of Matters Related to the Death of Corporal Patrick Tillman, U.S. Army."

The Committee also asks that you be prepared to discuss any investigations your office has conducted into the capture of Private Jessica Lynch in An Nasariyah, Iraq, on March 22, 2003, the mission conducted to rescue Private Lynch from the Saddam Hussein General Hospital on April 1, 2003, and the accounts of her actions that were widely circulated in the days after these incidents.

In order to assist the Committee in preparing for this hearing, please provide copies of the following documents, which you prepared, used, or relied on for your investigation of Corporal Tillman's death:

1. All witness statements and interview transcripts relating to the Silver Star awarded posthumously to Corporal Tillman;

2. All signed original witness statements, and all drafts of witness statements prepared in support of Corporal Tillman's Silver Star;

3. All correspondence relating to the drafting of witness statements and other materials used to justify the posthumous award of the Bronze Star or the Silver Star to Corporal Tillman;

4. Major General Stanley McChrystal's April 29, 2004, "Personal For" (P4) message to General John P. Abizaid;

5. All witness statements and interview transcripts related to the above investigation from General John P. Abizaid; Lieutenant General Philip R. Kensinger, Jr.; Major General McChrystal; Brigadier General Howard Yellen; and Lieutenant Colonel David Duffy; and

6. The unredacted report of investigation of the circumstances surrounding Corporal Tillman's death issued by Army Brigadier General Gary M. Jones, pursuant to Army Regulation 15-6, including all attachments.

Please provide these documents to the Committee by **Thursday, April 19, 2007**. If available, please provide the Committee with electronic copies. If these documents are not provided by this date, the Committee will consider compulsory measures to obtain the requested information.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the House of Representatives and has broad oversight jurisdiction as set forth in House Rule X. Information for witnesses appearing before the Committee is contained in the enclosed Witness Information Sheet.

Please contact David Rapallo or David Leviss of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5420 if you have any questions concerning this request. We look forward to your testimony.

Sincerely,

Henry A. Waxman
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member