

January 29, 2007

The Honorable Robert M. Gates  
Secretary of Defense  
U.S. Department of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am concerned about the nature and extent of Blackwater USA's activities on behalf of the United States government based on reports that have been brought to my attention. Therefore, I would like to obtain copies of all documents that you have relating in any way to the terms of any and all agreements between your Department and Blackwater USA for all services rendered by Blackwater USA for your Department, including, but not limited to, the provision of security services in Iraq and in other foreign countries, if applicable, and the provision of security services domestically.

I would appreciate receiving these documents by no later than 5:30 PM, Monday, February 5, 2007. If you wish to further discuss this request with me, or if you have any questions, you may contact my Legislative Assistant, James Park, at (202) 225-3265.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen I. Cohen  
Member of Congress