



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

September 21, 2005

The Honorable Lane Evans
Ranking Democratic Member
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Evans:

Legislation contained in Public Law (PL) 106-117 mandated the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in consultation with the Department of Defense (DoD), to conduct a study of military sexual trauma (MST) among reservists who have experienced physical assault or battery of a sexual nature while on active duty for training and report its findings to Congress.

Your letter requested that VA provide the Committee with a report on the study by August 30, 2005. At this time, the report to Congress is under review within the Administration, and VA hopes to transmit it as soon as possible.

Thank you for your interest in the welfare of our Nation's veterans.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. James Nicholson". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

R. James Nicholson