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December 19, 2003

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld:

For several months, we have been investigating whether Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg Brown & Root (KBR) has been overcharging the United States government to import gasoline into Iraq as part of U.S. reconstruction efforts. As you know, Halliburton is charging \$2.64 per gallon to import gasoline from Kuwait into Iraq when others are performing the identical service for less than a dollar per gallon.

Recent press accounts indicate that Bush Administration appointees may have exerted inappropriate political pressure on civil service contracting officials charged with overseeing this contract. According to these accounts, the career civil service officials may have felt pressured to rely exclusively on a specific Kuwaiti subcontractor for all gasoline importation from Kuwait.¹

To investigate the issues related to the gasoline importation contract and any related subcontracts, we request copies of the following documents:

- (1) All subcontracts between KBR and companies from Kuwait, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, or elsewhere relating to the importation of gasoline into Iraq;
- (2) All requests for quotations issued by KBR to potential subcontractors related to the importation of gasoline into Iraq;
- (3) All bid proposals and price quotations, accepted or declined, received by KBR relating to the importation of gasoline into Iraq;

¹ *U.S. Officials May Have Steered Halliburton to Kuwaiti Supplier*, Wall Street Journal (Dec. 15, 2003).

- (4) All invoices submitted by KBR or any subcontractor of KBR related to the importation of gasoline into Iraq;
- (5) All communications (whether written, electronic, or oral) since January 1, 2003, between officials of the Department of Defense, including the Army Corps of Engineers, and Halliburton, any Halliburton subsidiaries, or any person representing Halliburton or any Halliburton subsidiaries relating to the importation of gasoline into Iraq;
- (6) All communications (whether written, electronic, or oral) since January 1, 2003, between officials of the Department of Defense, including the Army Corps of Engineers, and any other person outside of the executive branch relating to the importation of gasoline into Iraq. This request does not include communications that are publicly available, such as press releases;
- (7) The November 1, 2003, communication referenced in the *Wall Street Journal* on December 15 from Mary C. Robertson of the Army Corps of Engineers to Kuwait's oil ministry regarding gasoline importation into Iraq;
- (8) The December 6, 2003, communication referenced in the *Wall Street Journal* on December 15 from Mary C. Robertson of the Army Corps of Engineers to KBR regarding gasoline importation into Iraq.

We request that you provide this information no later than January 5, 2004.

Sincerely,



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