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Lt. Gen. Robert Flowers
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Dear General Flowers:

I am writing to ask that you clarify recent press reports regarding the Army Corps of Engineers' contract with Kellogg Brown & Root Services to perform work in Iraq.

There appears to be some confusion about the estimated costs of both the Brown & Root contract and the new competitive contract that the Army Corps is planning to issue. The latter contract would apparently replace the current sole-source Brown & Root contract. The *Washington Post* reported yesterday that the new contract will be worth \$600 million, on top of the \$50 million already spent under the current contract.¹ According to today's *Wall Street Journal*, however, the Army Corps believes that the current contract with Brown & Root will cost around \$600 million.²

I would appreciate your clarifying this matter by telling me the Army Corps' current estimated value for (1) the Brown & Root contract and (2) the competitive contract that the Army Corps is planning to issue.

In addition, I would like to receive copies of (1) the current contract, (2) the justification and approval documents that explain the Corps's decision to bypass full and open competition in awarding that contract, and (3) the task order that the Army issued to Brown & Root to develop contingency plans for repairing and continuing operations of the Iraqi oil infrastructure.

¹*U.S. to Request Bids for Work on Oil Fields*, Washington Post (Apr. 15, 2003).

²*Halliburton May Face Challenge by Fluor, Bechtel on Oil-Field Pact*, Wall Street Journal (Apr. 16, 2003).

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Thank you again for responding to my letter of March 26, 2003 about this matter. I appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry A. Waxman" followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Henry A. Waxman
Ranking Minority Member