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The Honorable John Campbell  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-0548

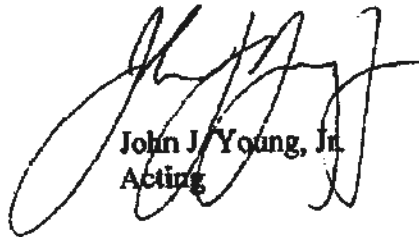
Dear Mr. Campbell:

Thank you for your August 17 letter to the Secretary of Defense regarding a debate in the House on the DoD Appropriations Bill, 2008, to strike language that would fund a proposed project to develop a paint shield for microbial threats.

The President's Budget Request for FY 2008 articulates the Department's priority research investment needs. In developing the request, we paid attention to the preparation of our proposed science and technology program. Researchers with innovative ideas that respond to the Department's priority needs should submit their proposals to appropriate DoD agencies for consideration.

Your concern about this project is appreciated. Enacting the President's Budget Request as submitted will help the Department pursue the portfolio of highest-priority projects.

Sincerely,



John J. Young, Jr.  
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The Honorable Frank R. Wolf  
U.S. House of Representatives  
13873 Park Center Road  
Suite 130  
Herndon, VA 20171

Dear Congressman Wolf:

Thank you for your letter dated 26 July 2007 informing us of New Breed Corporations capabilities as a logistic provider. Your letter has been forwarded to the Department of Defense Office of Small Business Programs.

The Office of Small Business Programs does not have a requirement for this particular service. However, we will forward New Breed Corporations marketing information to the military agencies and the small business offices within the Department of Defense in case a requirement emerges.

Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

  
Anthony Martocchia  
Director



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JUL 25 2007

[REDACTED]  
Greensboro, NC 27408-3166

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your recent letter to Senator Richard Burr concerning your patent # 7,213,353. Your letter was forwarded to our office for review and comment.

Each of our Military Departments are responsible to equip their service members in appropriate uniforms. Each Military Department has its own Uniform Board which oversees the design, fit, finish, and outfitting. They can be contacted through their respective Service command chains. The Navy and Marine Corps have websites that link directly to the Uniform Board, while the Army and Air Force do not. Below is listed a website for each Military Department that should put you on the right track:

Marine Corps: [www.marcor.syscom.usmc.mil/sites/mcub/](http://www.marcor.syscom.usmc.mil/sites/mcub/)

Navy: [www.npc.navy.mil/commandsupport/usnavyuniforms/](http://www.npc.navy.mil/commandsupport/usnavyuniforms/)

Army: [www.monroe.army.mil](http://www.monroe.army.mil) (Army Doctrine Command)

Air Force: [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil) (Air Force Personnel Command)

Your interest in maintaining a strong U.S. national defense is greatly appreciated.

LAWRENCE D. BURT  
Captain, U.S. Navy  
Military Assistant



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July 25, 2007

The Honorable John Lewis  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Lewis:

Thank you for the letter you signed with Representative Bishop requesting the release of fiscal year 2007 funds to Morehouse College for the John H. Hopps Defense Research Scholars Program. This response is on the behalf of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics).

The \$1 million in funding for the program was appropriated to the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). We recently executed a reprogramming action to transfer the funding to the Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions program under the Director, Defense Research and Engineering (DDR&E) to ensure technical oversight and proper execution of these funds. This realignment is consistent with previously appropriated funding for the program.

These funds, now properly aligned, should be committed early in August and obligated so there are no delays with the contract award process for the John H. Hopps Defense Research Scholars Program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-695-0005 should you need further assistance or have additional questions. We also sent an identical letter to Representative Bishop, Jr.

Alan R. Shaffer  
Director, Plans and Programs



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The Honorable Thomas G. Tancredo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-0606

Dear Mr. Tancredo,

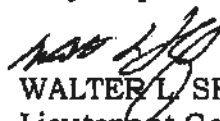
The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs requested that I respond to your letter regarding rules of engagement (ROE) and your concern about the safety and welfare of our men and women serving in Iraq.

I can assure you that the scenarios and conclusions regarding ROE that are described in the newsletter you received are not consistent with the policies and regulations provided to US military personnel in Iraq. Commanders and individuals have the inherent right and obligation to take appropriate action in self-defense, to include responding to acts of violence and the imminent use of force against US forces. The ROE are continually reviewed and refined to ensure they stay applicable and relevant.

In preparation for deployment and prior to entering the US Central Command area of operations, all units, to include combat, combat support, and combat service support, receive formal ROE training. Commanders also conduct scenario-based training for all personnel to ensure their troops understand the ROE and can apply them in realistic scenarios.

I am confident that our forces are provided the ROE authority they need to act decisively in the challenging counterinsurgency environment of Iraq. Your continued support of our Service members is appreciated.

Very respectfully,

  
WALTER L. SHARP  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director, Joint Staff

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

28 July 2007

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-4402

Dear Senator Hatch:

This is in response to your letter of July 9, 2007, to Secretary of Defense Mr. Robert M. Gates on behalf of your constituent [REDACTED] who asks why the commercial media does not report the numerous stories of success, coming out of Iraq, as found on the Department of Defense web site, DefenseLink. The Office of Public Communication has been asked to respond to [REDACTED] query.

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[REDACTED] received information that our web site listed facts, figures, and stories, clearly illustrating that progress is being made, in Iraq, through the efforts of the United States and Iraqi governments. She apparently verified that this information was posted and was bothered by the lack of media reporting on these indicators of success.

I can confirm for you that our web site does carry information about progress in Iraq. The information is updated regularly and is posted for the public as part of our public affairs mission to inform and educate the American people about the Department's operations and activities. I cannot explain, nor can I comment on, the commercial media's seemingly limited use of this information. I can only say that it is posted to the web for any citizen or member of the media to access.

I trust this information will help you in responding to [REDACTED] query. Should she wish to learn more about the Department of Defense and our current operations, I recommend that [REDACTED] regularly visit our web site at: [www.defenselink.mil](http://www.defenselink.mil). There she will find the latest news and information on the department with numerous links to our global operations, including those in Iraq.

I thank you and your constituent for contacting us and for your interest in our nation's defense.

Sincerely yours,

David R. McWilliams  
Deputy Director  
Office of Public Communication

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The Honorable Tom Coburn  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-3604

Dear Senator Coburn:

This is in reply to your recent letter to Secretary Gates requesting the Department of Defense provide a critique of each earmark contained within the Defense appropriation and authorization bills within 48 hours of being reported out of the House and Senate committees. The President's Budget Request for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 represents our best judgment on Defense priorities.

The Office of Management and Budget is preparing a database on earmarks that will be posted to a public web site within a week of each FY 2008 appropriations bill. The web site will include detailed factual information on each earmark. We are supplying information to that web site.

Sincerely,

  
Tina W. Jones

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HEALTH AFFAIRS

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AUG 17 2007

The Honorable Christopher H. Smith  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1540 Kuser Road, Suite A9  
Hamilton, NJ 08619-3828

Dear Representative Smith:

Thank you for your letter of July 6 on behalf of your constituent, [REDACTED] regarding his proposal to use the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) drug approved drug for obesity, sibutramine, to cure posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in Service members and to diagnose PTSD using brain functional neuroimaging.

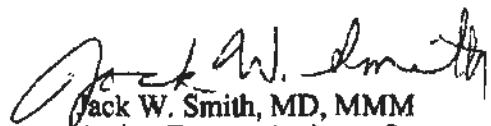
Sibutramine affects several neurocircuits in the brain, some of which may be impaired by traumatic brain injury (TBI), and in some cases, PTSD. Not all cases of PTSD are caused by trauma nor require functional neuroimaging to diagnose. Also, many cases of PTSD do not respond to well-studied and established medications approved by the FDA for PTSD.

Congressional funds were recently appropriated for research in TBI and PTSD. [REDACTED] and his colleagues may wish to consider submitting proposals to further study effective treatments for PTSD. The Congressionally directed medical research program recently placed 16 requests for such proposals on their Web site: (<http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/default.htm>).

Like Dr. [REDACTED] we look forward to expanding the evidence base for treating TBI and PTSD. We appreciate his commitment to doing so and look forward to establishing the evidence base necessary to include new treatment approaches in our armamentarium.

I hope you will find this information useful. Thank you for your interest in the Military Health System.

Sincerely,

  
Jack W. Smith, MD, MMM  
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense  
Clinical and Program Policy

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