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The Honorable George Opfer
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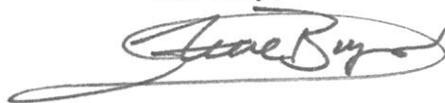
Dear Inspector General Opfer:

The Department of Veterans Affairs has concluded an agreement with the Navy Space Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) in which SPAWAR will provide information technology services to VA. Among those programs is an effort to develop both short and long-term solutions to implement the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

We are concerned that VA may not have adequately defined those services and the costs. Therefore, we are requesting a detailed review of the agreement with a focus on the Post 9/11 project. Specifically, we are interested in the defined SPAWAR labor rates, the funding stream that VA has provided to date, projected funding transfers, and the scope of work to be performed by SPAWAR.

The points of contact for this request are Art Wu and Mike Brinck at 202-225-3527.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member