

## UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE 1100 DEFENSE PENTAGON WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1100

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The President The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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The violation occurred when the Electronic Systems Center Force Protection Systems Program Office personnel at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts, improperly used Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 O&M funds to support the acquisition of additional system hardware requirements and increased delivery costs that were the bona fide need of FY 2004 and should have been funded with FY 2004 O&M funds. During FY 2004, when these obligations were added to the obligations to the appropriate account, the total obligations exceeded the amount available in the account. Therefore, a violation of the ADA occurred in FY 2004 at the administrative subdivision level to fund the legal liability. Additional information is provided in the enclosed report of violation.

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To prevent a recurrence of this type of violation, the Electronic Systems Center has instituted Acquisition "Boot Camp" training, offered quarterly to incoming personnel, and "Budget 101," a four-day training event with an ADA module. Policy has also been issued to reinforce the use of self-inspection checklists by financial management personnel.

Identical reports will be submitted to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Acting Comptroller General of the United States, and Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

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