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UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

1100 DEFENSE PENTAGON
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JUL 22 2011

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

Dear Mr. President:

This letter reports a violation of the Antideficiency Act (ADA), Army case number 08-07 (enclosed), as required by title 31, U.S.C., section 1351. The violation occurred within the Operation and Maintenance Army (OMA), accounts 21 0 2020 and 21 1 2020, during Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 and FY 2001 at the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (ASA(M&RA)). The violation totaled \$8,926,804.00.

The violation occurred when OMA funds were obligated instead of Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army funds for the development of a video game recruiting tool. The purpose for developing the game was to educate potential recruits on the missions and functions of the Army and to enhance recruiting opportunities by allowing them to download and play the Army game from the Internet. The inappropriate funding of the project resulted in a violation of title 31, U.S.C., section 1341.

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To prevent a recurrence of this type of violation, administrative control of fund procedures were strengthened. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 (Personnel), also reorganized its budget function by creating the Budget Integration Branch which has oversight over the budget process for ASA(M&RA), and the G-1.

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

Respectfully yours,

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Enclosure:
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