



UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

1100 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1100

COMPTROLLER

APR 23 2007

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

Dear Mr. President:

This letter is to report a violation of the Antideficiency Act, Department of the Army Case 04-12, as required by Title 31, United States Code, Section 1351.

The violation occurred at the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve, when a memorandum was published authorizing \$5,000 bonuses for three-year reenlistment to soldiers deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kuwait. These bonuses were in excess of the statutory limit of \$2,500 contained in Title 37, United States Code, Section 308(b). Twelve soldiers were approved for bonuses totaling \$30,000 which resulted in a violation of Title 31, United States Code, Section 1341(a)(1)(A).

Enclosed is a report from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Operations). Lieutenant General James R. Helmly, Chief, Army Reserve was named responsible for the violation. The responsible individual was given a memorandum of concern. The Army concluded there was no knowing or willful violation of the Antideficiency Act by the individual named responsible for it.

To correct the violation, the twelve soldiers who were approved for the bonuses had their reenlistment contracts revoked and no funds were disbursed exceeding the \$2,500 limit. Eleven of the twelve accepted the correct amount and one voided his reenlistment. To prevent a recurrence of the violation, new procedures have been implemented to obtain legal opinions prior to issuing future bonus policy memorandums.

Identical reports are being submitted to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States.

Respectfully yours,

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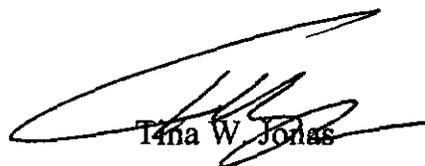
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