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April 24, 2019

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member, Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate

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If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Berrick at 202-512-3404 or berrickc@gao.gov, Ms. Tina Won Sherman, Assistant Director, Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-8461 or shermant@gao.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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Orice Williams Brown
Managing Director
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cc: Mr. John Quirk

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