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Major General Theodore C. Harrison  
Commanding General  
U.S. Army Contracting Command  
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Dear General Harrison:

The Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) recently completed an audit of the Legacy East Project. Under the project, Army Contracting Command awarded a \$50 million contract to Jorge Scientific Corporation (now rebranded as Imperatis Corporation) to provide counterinsurgency intelligence experts to mentor and train the Afghan National Security Forces.<sup>1</sup>

In October 2012, Senator McCaskill raised concerns regarding the Army's management and oversight of contracts with Jorge Scientific, including reports by two former Jorge Scientific employees that Jorge personnel, including company executives, engaged in frequent abuse of alcohol and drugs in Kabul, a "bar brawl," and parties so loud they repeatedly attracted the attention of Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security. Following that letter, Army officials informed McCaskill's staff that the individuals involved in the misconduct at issue were no longer employed by Jorge Scientific and that the leadership in Kabul had been replaced as early as March 2012. Defense Department officials also stated that, while their investigation and review remained ongoing, there was at the time no indication of wrongdoing by Jorge Scientific leadership and that the company had taken action to ensure that there was no further misconduct by Jorge Scientific employees in Afghanistan.<sup>2</sup>

In its recent audit, SIGAR identified material weaknesses and significant deficiencies in internal controls resulting in almost \$135 million in unsupported costs billed by Jorge Scientific/Imperatis under its contract from October 2011 through March 2014. Based on the results of the audit, SIGAR recommended that the Army Contracting Command determine the

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<sup>1</sup> Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, *Department of the Army's Legacy East Project: Jorge Scientific Corporation's Lack of Supporting Documentation Results in about \$135 Million in Questionable Project Costs* (Apr. 21, 2015) (SIGAR 15-43-FA/Legacy East).

<sup>2</sup> Briefing by Kim Denver, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Procurement) and Gary Motsek, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Defense (Program Support) to Senate Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight (Oct. 31, 2012).

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allowability of \$134,552,665 in questioned costs identified in the report and recover those funds as appropriate, collect \$36,634 in unremitted interest from Jorge Scientific/Imperatis, and advise Jorge Scientific/Imperatis to address the report's internal control and noncompliance findings.<sup>3</sup>

We request that Army Contracting Command provide a briefing to Subcommittee staff regarding the Command's progress on implementing these recommendations and the timeline to determining whether these costs were allowable. At the briefing, the Army Contracting Command should be prepared to provide information regarding the current status of investigations into the company and a list of contracts that Jorge currently has with the Army, including the contract number, contract ceiling, and a brief description. We ask that you provide this briefing no later than Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

We appreciate your assistance. Please contact Jackson Eaton (Senator McCaskill) or Andrew Polesovsky (Senator Portman) at (202) 224-3721 with any questions. Please send any official correspondence relating to this request to [Kelsey\\_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



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<sup>3</sup> Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, *Department of the Army's Legacy East Project: Jorge Scientific Corporation's Lack of Supporting Documentation Results in about \$135 Million in Questionable Project Costs* (Apr. 21, 2015) (SIGAR 15-43-FA/Legacy East).