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The Honorable Frank Kendall
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General James H. Dickinson
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Dear Secretary Kendall and General Dickinson:

Once again, I am in receipt of materials purportedly addressing the Committee's request for a variety of documents related to changes in U.S. Space Command's (USSPACECOM) headquarters and mission requirements. Regrettably, this most recent document production remains unresponsive to the Committee's multiple requests.

This is now the fifth request for documents related to USSPACECOM's mission or headquarters requirements. You have also failed to respond to the Committee's request to schedule transcribed interviews of each of you by August 18, 2023.

Your refusal to abide by the Committee's repeated requests for responsive documents and transcribed interviews can only be considered obfuscation and purposeful delay, highlighted by the fact that the basing decision was decided while the Committee's requests are outstanding.¹ This is unacceptable.

It now appears you have something to hide, otherwise a forthright response to the Committee's patient and numerous requests would have already come. If you fail to adequately respond, I will be forced to seek a subpoena for the relevant documents we have requested on multiple occasions, and to seek your compelled appearance.

Please provide a timeline to deliver responsive documents and finalize logistics for the requested transcribed interviews no later than August 9, 2023, to allow all parties adequate time to prepare.

¹ Lolita C. Baldor and Tara Copp, *Biden decides to keep Space Command in Colorado, rejecting move to Alabama*, THE WASHINGTON POST, July 31, 2023.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. The Committee on Armed Services, under Rule X, clause 1 of the Rules of the House of Representatives (House Rules), maintains oversight jurisdiction over the Department of Defense generally. Moreover, under the House Rules, the Committee on Armed Services derives its authority to conduct oversight from, among other things, clause 2(b)(1) of Rule X (relating to general oversight responsibilities), clause 3(b) of Rule X (relating to special oversight functions), and clause 1(b) of rule XI (relating to investigations and studies).

To arrange delivery of documents or ask any related follow-up questions, please contact Ryan Breitenbach of the Committee on Armed Services Majority Staff.

Sincerely,



Mike Rogers
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services

cc: The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member
Committee on Armed Services