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The Honorable Michael P.W. Stone
Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Earlier this year I wrote to the Army about a program that I believe warrants full consideration because of the testimony that the threat of chemical/biological warfare is spreading, and the proliferation of chemical capabilities is growing throughout the world.

This program is a water drinking system for use with chemical masks in a chemical environment and is considered a non-development item with costs to the Army limited to the testing requirements.

I am concerned that the progress on this program is not moving as fast as would appear to be warranted in response to Army testimony about the growing chemical threat.

As you are aware, the Committee has provided funds in the FY1990 budget to initiate procurement of this drinking system based on preliminary Army reports that indicate the system showed good promise for use with the two-quart canteen.

I believe that these types of programs that directly relate to improving the safety of our men and women in the service should move as rapidly as possible through the process.

I would appreciate your reviewing this minor project to assure acceleration of effort necessary to initiate early procurement to get this system in the hands of our forces.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,


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