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The Honorable Gus Bilirakis
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Dear Representative Bilirakis,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding your constituent Mr. John Morter and his request for a delay in reassignment.

After careful consideration, the reassignment of Mr. Morter to the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Headquarters in Washington, DC was mandated by the DIA Director as a prudent strategy to mitigate the security vulnerabilities presented by his inability to successfully complete multiple polygraph examinations (no less than five) since 23 March 2011. As a principle of DIA's operational philosophy, DIA cannot compel a Combatant Command to assume security risks associated with a DIA employee who is unable to meet personnel security vetting requirements. In this instance, United States Special Operations Command unequivocally stated its unwillingness to accept the risk posed by Mr. Morter given the sensitivity of its mission and operations.

The Office of Human Resources (OHR) notified Mr. Morter of his relocation requirement 90 days prior to his report date of 24 August 2014. During that time, Mr. Morter presented a complaint to the Inspector General (IG); however, Agency guidelines state that employees will continue with reassignment actions regardless of pending/open investigations. At this time, the effective date of 24 August stands as Mr. Morter's reassignment date.

Sincerely,

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