Mr. Anthony Kurta  
Performing the Duties of the  
Under Secretary of Defense for  
Personnel and Readiness  
4000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310-4000

Dear Mr. Kurta:

The Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces (DAC-IPAD) respectfully requests your assistance in providing written responses to the enclosed Request for Information and Request for Meeting Presenters related to legal and sexual assault response training provided to commanders and sexual assault-related expedited transfer requests made in fiscal year 2016. Responses are requested by October 5, 2017.

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Thank you for your support and assistance with this important project.

Sincerely,

Martha S. Bashford
Chair

Enclosure:
As stated
September 11, 2017

The Honorable Ryan D. McCarthy
Acting Secretary of the U.S. Army
101 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310-0101

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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To provide you with some background on these requests, for the DAC-IPAD’s predecessor military sexual assault advisory committees—the Judicial Proceedings Panel and the Response Systems Panel—the Service Secretaries designated the Service Judge Advocates General to serve as the office of primary responsibility for responding to the panels’ requests for information and requests for presenters within each Service. This worked very effectively and ensured the panels received timely and accurate information.

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cc:
The Judge Advocate General of the Army
The Honorable Heather Wilson  
Secretary of the U.S. Air Force  
1670 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20330-1670

Dear Madam Secretary:

The Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces (DAC-IPAD) respectfully requests your assistance in providing written responses to the enclosed Request for Information and Request for Meeting Presenters related to legal and sexual assault response training provided to Air Force commanders and sexual assault-related expedited transfer requests made in fiscal year 2016. Responses are requested by October 5, 2017.

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cc:
The Judge Advocate General of the Air Force
September 11, 2017

The Honorable Richard V. Spencer  
Acting Secretary of the U.S. Navy  
1000 Navy Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces (DAC-IPAD) respectfully requests your assistance in providing written responses to the enclosed Request for Information and Request for Meeting Presenters related to legal and sexual assault training provided to Navy and Marine Corps commanders and sexual assault-related expedited transfer requests made in fiscal year 2016. Responses are requested by October 5, 2017.

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cc:
Judge Advocate General of the Navy
The Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant
of the Marine Corps
Dear Admiral Zukunft:

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