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July 18, 2023

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

I am writing regarding the Committee's request of May 25th for essential documents related to United States Space Command (USSPACECOM). To date, you have refused to meaningfully respond to this request and have offered contradictory explanations of fundamental issues.

The Committee's review of publicly available information, meetings with each of you, and information from whistleblowers makes one thing clear: The Department of the Air Force and the leadership of USSPACECOM are engaged in deliberate, taxpayer-funded manipulation of a competitive selection process.

This is not the first time senior Department of Defense officials have engaged in this kind of behavior.

In its review of the initial basing decision for USSPACECOM, the Government Accountability Office noted that senior DOD leaders intervened to give Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, CO a chance to change their cost projections and personnel needs without giving other sites the same opportunity.

This deliberate change altered the appearance of competition results after the competition was effectively complete.

Your responses to the Committee's requests thus far demonstrate a similar pattern of obfuscation, delay, and manipulation.

As a result of your failure to respond to repeated inquires, I hereby request the following:

1. Complete responses to all Committee document requests by July 21, 2023.
2. Appearance for transcribed interview by Committee staff no later than August 18, 2023 of:
 - a. Sec. Frank Kendall
 - b. Gen. James Dickinson

Multiple interviews of these and additional persons may be required due to insufficient document request responses.

Your continued failure to comply with documentary and testimonial requests may result in the use of compulsory processes.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and provide a plan to facilitate compliance with these requests within the dates specified.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Rogers", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Rogers

Chairman, House Armed Services Committee