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Mr. Gene Dodaro
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Dear Mr. Dodaro:

The military services' maintenance depots provide repair and manufacturing capabilities vital to sustaining a ready force. The depots have provided critical support to ongoing military operations and are heavily involved in efforts to reset the force. For many years, the House Armed Services' Readiness Subcommittee has directed oversight efforts aimed at ensuring the continued vitality of these government-owned and government-operated facilities. We believe an essential component of this effort is having effective long-term depot maintenance strategic plans that set forth goals and a roadmap for achieving these goals. Effective strategic plans can help ensure that depots are postured and resourced to help meet future maintenance requirements.

The Government Accountability Office, at the request of this Subcommittee, is currently reviewing the Army's and Marine Corps' depot maintenance strategic plans to determine the extent to which these plans provide a comprehensive strategy for meeting future requirements. To ensure coverage across all the maintenance depots, we request that you conduct a similar review of Air Force and Navy depots. The Subcommittee's points of contact for this review will be Ms. Vickie Plunkett (x5-3432) and Ms. Lynn Williams (x6-6134).

We appreciate your continued assistance to the Subcommittee in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities in this area.



SOLOMON ORTIZ
Chairman
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Sincerely,



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