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The Honorable Shelley Berkley  
Member of Congress  
405 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Section 1057, P.L.111-84, DNI/CIA Report on Air America Retirement Legislation

Dear Representative Berkley:

Thank you for your continuing support and sponsorship of legislation to grant Civil Service Retirement credit and benefits for former U.S. national employees (or their surviving spouses) of Air America, a CIA proprietary corporation. I hope you share the frustration and disappointment of the Air America community with the April 29, 2010 "interim" response from ONI's Director of Legislative Affairs, Kathleen Turner. Despite a very generous 180 day response time, ONI, acting on behalf of and in concert with CIA, quite simply failed to meet their statutory obligation to Congress because they chose to ignore the availability of official Air America personnel records and documents offered to them jointly and individually.

If you have not received the following information by other means, I am providing letters and accompanying attachments which I submitted recently to Senator Dianne Feinstein and David Ignatius, Associate Editor of the Washington Post. This correspondence describes the apathy and outright irresponsibility of CIA and ONI toward the Congressional requirements established by P.L. 111-84. No other Federal agency would dare to respond to Congress so carelessly and so shamelessly. As one of Air America's legal counsels in Taipei and Bangkok, I can assure you that every single issue and/or question included in the legislation can be affirmatively addressed by materials readily available locally through another Air America attorney, my colleague and friend, William J. Merrigan. Between the two of us, we have all of the necessary corporate files and legal documentation. Other requirements can be met by information CIA itself has published which is in the public domain.

The Air America community would deeply appreciate anything you can do to encourage these Agencies to fulfill their statutory responsibilities accurately and without further delay.

Sincerely,

Gary B. Bisson

Attachments:

Letter dated May 19, 2010 to Senator Dianne Feinstein (with attachments)  
Letter dated May 18, 2010 to David Ignatius (with attachments)