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SCHAKOWSKY CALLS ON STATE DEPARTMENT TO TERMINATE BLACKWATER'S CONTRACT

Washington, D.C.--U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), a member of the House

The text of the letter is below.

October 12, 2007

Honorable Condoleezza Rice
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

Madam Secretary:

I am writing to strongly urge you to terminate Blackwater USA's contract in Iraq. I

It would be irresponsible for the Department of State to continue to allow Blackwa

Blackwater employees have a long history of excessive use of force. According to

Your recent decision to increase oversight of Blackwater by sending State Depart

It is crucial to our mission in Iraq and to the safety of our troops that Blackwater's

I thank you for your consideration of this request and look forward to your prompt

Sincerely,

Jan Schakowsky
Member of Congress