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Ms. Michelle d'Auray
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Re: IR0092 – National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy Technical Briefing follow up

Dear Ms. d'Auray:

Thank you for your letter of December 17, 2012 and for attaching the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy Requests for Proposal documents. I would also like to thank you for making your officials available to provide my staff with a fulsome briefing on the NSPS.

I wish to advise you that we had not agreed to provide the department an opportunity to review our report in advance of release on the examination of the Joint Support Ship, but rather, we have asked your officials to review for factual accuracy the background portion of the report. I am pleased that the department has already undertaken the review and has provided comments and clarification.

Thank you again for making your officials available to assist us where necessary as we undertake our work on the Joint Support Ship program.

Yours truly,

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