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From: Veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom
To: Secretary of Defense

Subj: **APPROVAL OF THE IRAQ COMMITMENT MEDAL FOR WEAR UPON RECEIPT OF A DETERMINED AMOUNT OF MEDALS.**

Ref: (a) Republic of Iraq, Ministry of Defence citation, dtd 12 June 2011

Encl: (a) Iraq Commitment Medal Set
(b) Iraq Commitment Medal design per The Institute of Heraldry
(c) Stars and Stripes Article, dtd 28 AUG 19

1. To the honorable Mark T. Esper, we represent and are part of a group of war veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Per Department of Defense policy, a foreign award to be accepted for wear must generally be mass provided by the awarding country in large quantities. The official, Iraq Commitment Medal has been presented by the country of Iraq to American war heroes and veterans. America accepted such at a formal ceremony. We are currently working with the Republic of Iraq and wish to make several requests.

(a) Approve the medal for wear on the military uniform with no requirement of a provision of large quantities of medals from the Government of Iraq. We have already paid for minting per The Institute of Heraldry and DOD standards with strict requirements. The medal is available and being worn worldwide in full-size, miniature for a suit, and anodized version. But not on uniforms. Plenty of Foreign awards have been approved without abundant provisions from the host country. The precedent exists. We humbly make this request.

(b) If a provision of massive quantities of the medal is demanded, what is the minimum amount the Department of Defense requires for approval? We will work with the Government of Iraq to provide the requested decorations.

2. The goal of this organization is to recognize the veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the foreign award they rightly earned through war and combat. Another goal is to continue to support injured, crippled, disabled, and wounded veterans of all foreign wars through Project Healing Waters. Kennedy Insignia has agreed to donate a portion of any Iraq Commitment Medal sold to the organization.

3. Thank you for your time in this matter. If there are any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at (704) 937-2940, extension #3.

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