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The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives

Subject: *Federally Chartered Corporation: Financial Statement Audit Reports for the Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America for Fiscal Years 2003 and 2002*

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As requested, we read the audit reports covering the financial statements of the Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America, a federally chartered corporation, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2003, and 2002. The corporation's purpose is to assist chaplains in the performance of their duties, promote the effectiveness of the military chaplaincy, and encourage individuals to enter the chaplaincy.

Federally chartered corporations are required under 36 U.S.C. §10101 to

- present the corporation's assets and liabilities and reasonable detail on the corporation's income and expenses in annual financial statements and
- obtain an annual financial audit by an independent public accountant.

Our objective was to advise you of any matters in the reports regarding compliance with the financial reporting requirements of the law. In carrying out our work, we read the corporation's financial statements and the accompanying notes, performed certain analytical procedures related to information presented in the financial statements, and read the auditor's reports. We also held limited discussions with the corporation's auditor regarding potential enhancements that could be made to the corporation's financial reporting. We did not identify any instance of noncompliance with the above financial reporting requirements of the law.

We did not perform an audit or review the auditor's working papers, and we are not rendering an audit opinion.

The audit reports included the auditor's opinions that the financial statements of the corporation were presented fairly in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. We are returning the audit reports you sent with your letters.

This letter is intended solely for your use and the use of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven J. Sebastian".

Steven J. Sebastian
Director
Financial Management and Assurance

w/o Enclosures

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