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The Honorable Mr. Peter Geren
Acting Secretary of the Army
101 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310-0101

Dear Mr. Geren

Thank you for the Army's response to my April 12th letter concerning the sole source M4 Carbine contract. In a separate letter I have requested specific test data from your Assistant Secretary Mr. Bolton.

I have a single question for you with regard to the M4 Carbine: Is the M4 the best Carbine in the world?

If the test data is not sufficient to make this statement at this time I would be happy to work with you rapidly test, compete and field whatever weapon will give you the confidence to make this claim.

Sincerely,



Tom A. Coburn, M.D.
United States Senator