Dear Senator Cornyn,

Thank you for your June 10, 2017, inquiry regarding the concerns of your constituent. We previously addressed your constituent's concerns in a May 2, 2017, response to a DOD Inspector General Hotline complaint. DOD's concern centers on the DoD's Demilitarization Program which ensures compliance with Department of Commerce and Department of State regulations for Commerce Controlled List Items and U.S. Munition List (USML) items. The constituent has specifically taken exception with DoD disposal actions for the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV).

Under current DOD policy, various types of military equipment require some form of demilitarization (DEMIL) prior to release from DOD control. The specific HMMWVs that references have been assigned DEMIL code "C": total destruction or removal of demilitarized installed key points (e.g., armor, weapons mounts, drivetrain or systems enhancements, etc). The assignment of this code is in accordance with Department of State regulations for the USML. Items that are designated USML, in accordance with part 121 of Title 22, Foreign Relations, of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), have been specifically designed, modified, adapted or configured for military use and do not have predominately commercial application. It is critical that DLA handle this type of property properly, to include destruction when necessary, to protect this military specific material from our adversaries.

The Defense Logistics Agency and the Department of the Army have reviewed the technical data and demilitarization points provided by the constituent with the Department of Defense Demilitarization Program Office, U.S. Army Tank - Automotive and Armaments Command, and AM General (the original equipment manufacturer). All agencies agree that the current DEMIL code ("C") is appropriate for the specific HMMWV's that the constituent references because of the unique and varied undocumented modifications made to the vehicles by some units.

I trust this information is responsive to your inquiry.

Sincerely,

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