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The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon, Room 3E880
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

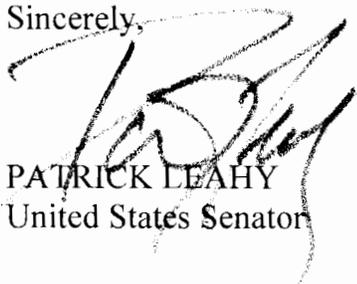
Dear Mr. Secretary:

On December 21st, I sent you a letter expressing strong concern about news reports of possible Department of Defense surveillance of peaceful activist groups like the Quakers in the State of Vermont. I asked for a response by January 15th, which I have yet to receive.

I am asking for information about the Department's activities in my state. It is difficult to explain or to justify why the Department seems unable to respond to these questions and concerns in a reasonable period of time.

I am renewing my request and calling this lack of responsiveness to your attention, and I would appreciate a prompt response to this straightforward inquiry.

Sincerely,


PATRICK LEAHY
United States Senator

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The news media was
able to get material
quickly - why can't DOD?*