

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4904

April 30, 2008

The Honorable Claude M. Kicklighter
Inspector General, Department of Defense
717 14th Street NW #500
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Kicklighter:

I write to request you investigate living conditions for servicemembers stationed at Fort Bragg, NC.

Mr. Ed Frawley, of Menominee, WI, has produced a shocking video of unacceptable conditions in the barracks where his son's unit, Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 508th Brigade of the 82nd Airborne, is currently residing. The video shows moldy walls, chipping paint, broken toilets, potential gas leaks and a bathroom flooded with sewage.

I request that you investigate whether the base's barracks are safe to use for housing, how long these conditions have been present, whether other soldiers have been residing in these or other unacceptable living conditions at Ft. Bragg and whether the Army's efforts to remedy the situation have been sufficient.

I would appreciate an update on this request before May 15, 2008. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Russell D. Feingold
United States Senator