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Mr. Jack Cohen-Joppa  
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Dear Mr. Cohen-Joppa:

Thank you for your latest communication regarding the U.S. military's use of depleted uranium in weapons. I apologize for my delay in responding.

To date, U.S. Army data shows that 2,466 depleted uranium (DU) tank rounds (M829A1) were expended during Operation Iraqi Freedom, in all of Iraq (about 24 tons). I caution that these statistics are preliminary and the operation is ongoing. The Army is currently unable to provide the number of expended 25mm depleted uranium rounds from Bradley vehicles, nor a specific number of rounds fired in Baghdad.

While we have yet to determine the precise quantities of depleted uranium that have been expended, we do know that this uranium poses little if any health risk. I have attached a copy of the Department of Defense's briefing on depleted uranium, presented by Colonel James Naughton, which took place on March 14. Dr. Michael Kilpatrick discusses the medical health effects of depleted uranium in great detail.

I hope this information is useful. Please continue to let me know about issues that concern you.

Sincerely,

JON KYL  
United States Senator

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