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Keith W. McCammon
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Dear Mr. McCammon:

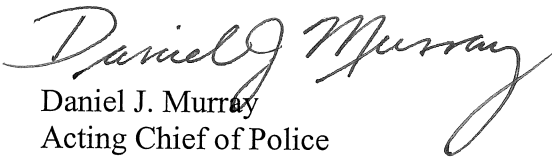
I am writing in response to the issues you raised concerning your interaction with Detective Frank Malara on May 5, 2007. You did not express any allegations against Detective Malara, but expressed concern with the procedure of stopping persons for photographing buildings. This matter was reviewed by Sergeant Penn of the Internal Affairs Section, who reported that he had the opportunity to speak with you regarding this matter.

It is my understanding that your encounter with Detective Malara was precipitated by the belief that you were taking photographs in the 3700 block of North Fairfax Drive. As Detective Malara explained to you, one of the buildings in this immediate area is a government installation which hires off-duty police officers, in addition to security officers, to ensure the safety of its occupants. On the date in question, Detective Malara was working this assignment. The officers who work this detail are asked to be particularly alert for persons photographing this installation in addition to any other suspicious behavior. I hope that you would agree that the security of any such building is of great importance and every law enforcement officer is duty bound to investigate all suspicious activity. I certainly am not implying that a person taking photographs is inherently "suspicious," but when the appearance is that the subject of the photograph is a government installation, officers have a duty to ensure the safety of the occupants of this structure.

At the conclusion of your encounter with Detective Malara, he did not complete any police reports and there are no allegations that you committed any criminal act(s). Detective Malara did provide your information to the internal security agency for this installation. Should you require additional from this security agency, I would recommend that you contact Mr. John Campbell, the Director of Security, at (571) 218-4660.

I would like to thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. Our review of this matter revealed that Detective Malara acted within established guidelines; however, I have directed a review of our procedures in dealing with similar such circumstances in the future. I can assure you that all complaints submitted to the Arlington County Police Department are taken seriously and are thoroughly investigated. Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Sergeant Andy Penn at (703) 228-4161. If you have questions pertaining to this off-duty detail, please feel free to contact Sergeant Ken Dennis, who coordinates this detail, at (703) 228-4142.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. Murray
Acting Chief of Police