

From: Burr, Sandra, Maj., OASD-PA
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2004 6:56 AM
To: 'Marc Strassman'
Subject: QUERY RESPONSE: Strassman, SERVE funding and extension

Since there is a report being prepared on this, I can't provide anything further at this time. Best to sort this out once report is done and I think it will be much clearer then.

*Maj Sandra Burr
OSD Press Operations*

-----Original Message-----

From: Marc Strassman [mailto:etopia@etopiamedia.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2004 12:26 AM
To: Burr, Sandra, Maj., OASD-PA
Subject: Re: QUERY RESPONSE: Strassman, SERVE funding and extension

Sandra,

Attached please find PDF copies of e-mails we exchanged earlier this year, which should provide you with a "[record of telling you there was no money left.](#)" As you'll see, you wrote that of the \$22 million originally appropriated for SERVE, \$22 million dollars had been spent and then you repeated this point by saying, "There is no saved money."

It was your answers to my questions about SERVE funding that led me to wonder how SERVE would have been funded between February and November of this year if all the money appropriated for it had been spent and there was none left.

If I misunderstood what you said, could you clarify whether or not SERVE had depleted all of its appropriated funds by the end of January, 2004, when it was shelved by Deputy Defense Secretary Wolfowitz?

If it had depleted its funds by January, 2004, was FVAP planning to ask Congress for more money to complete, deploy, and use SERVE in the November, 2004, elections, had Deputy Defense Secretary Wolfowitz not decided not to use the system then?

If it had depleted its funds by January, 2004, and FVAP wasn't going to ask for a supplemental appropriation, how was FVAP planning to fund SERVE between January and November, 2004?

Regards,

Marc Strassman
Reporter
Etopia Media Voting News

----- Original Message -----

From: [Burr, Sandra, Maj., OASD-PA](#)
To: 'etopia@etopiamedia.net'
Cc: [Burr, Sandra, Maj., OASD-PA](#)
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2004 1:56 PM
Subject: QUERY RESPONSE: Strassman, SERVE funding and extension

Marc,
First of all, I have no record of telling you there was no money left.
DoD will produce a report that addresses the SERVE project to include funding and lessons learned. It will be made public once it is complete.
In reference to the authorization bills, we do not comment on pending legislation. We take our direction once legislation is final.

*Maj Sandra Burr
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-----Original Message-----

From: Marc Strassman [<mailto:etopia@etopiamedia.net>]
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2004 2:32 PM
To: sandra.burr@osd.mil
Subject: SERVE funding and extension

Dear Major Burr,

Several months ago, you told me that there was no money left out of the \$22 million appropriation for SERVE when the program was shelved in January, 2004. According to the documents I've just received under an FOIA request, SERVE was scheduled to go out of business on March 31, 2005. I'd like to know how SERVE intended to be funded during the final 15 months of its existence.

Also, I'd like to know what DOD knows about, and/or is lobbying for, in terms of the renewal or extension of SERVE in the latest Defense Appropriations Bills now pending in Congress.

Thanks in advance for any help or referrals to knowledgeable people that you can provide in these matters.

Regards,

Marc Strassman
Reporter
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