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Dear Jonathan Gates:

SUBJECT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

On behalf of the Marines and Sailors of the First Reconnaissance Battalion, Al Asad, Iraq, we offer our deepest appreciation for supporting our Troops overseas. The support we get from great Americans like you keeps our morale high during our long days and months away from home.

Every gift you send, every package that is opened, every special piece of home that is received, reflects your deepest commitment to supporting and caring for our deployed Marines and Sailors. It shows that America is strong, united, and has the resolve to press ahead during these challenging times as we rebuild Iraq. The desert can be tough on the Recon Teams in the field and these items encourage and bolster the men's resilience.

Once again, thank you and Semper Fidelis for the time, effort, love, and support you have offered in delivering a special piece of America to our Marines and Sailors in the field. God Bless you!

Sincerely,

D. J. Cullen III  
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