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April 24, 2026

Mr. Donald K. Sherman
President and Chief Executive Officer
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington
PO Box 14596
Washington, DC 20044

Dear Mr. Sherman:

I received your April 1, 2026, letter requesting that the Department of War Office of Inspector General investigate the use of a military helicopter to fly over a “No Kings” protest and then to the home of musician Kid Rock.*

The Secretary of War has the legal authority to terminate an administrative review by any commander of a military unit and, at his discretion, assume jurisdiction over the matter himself. Consistent with this legal authority, in a March 31, 2026, post on the X social media platform, Secretary Hegseth indicated that he had decided not to pursue this matter. My office will not investigate the Secretary’s decision.

Thank you for your interest. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Jaryd Bern, Assistant Inspector General for Legislative Affairs and Communications at jaryd.m.bern.civ@dodig.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Platte B. Moring, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "P" and "M".

Platte B. Moring, III

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