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The Honorable Marty Meehan
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Meehan:

Secretary Rumsfeld asked that I respond to your letter of September 10, 2004. Regarding the University of California's Freedom of Information Act request, you said "...the Defense Department stated that it is unable to report the foreign language background of 59 of the apparently 88, or sixty-seven percent, of the individuals with language expertise discharged for homosexuality between 1998 and 2003" and asked for the language specialties of each of these discharges.

First, let me clarify the data. Your numbers (73 and 15) came from different data sets meant to answer two different questions for the University of California and the counts may not be exclusive. Second, to the 59: the break out of languages is as follows: Korean (16 students); Russian (11); Arabic-Modern (16); Vietnamese-Hanoi (1); Spanish (3); Chinese-Mandarin (3); Persian-Farsi (6); Hebrew-Modern (1); and Serbian Croatian (2). One student studied both Russian and Spanish bringing the languages studied, not students discharged, to 59.

As you know, discharges result from enforcing provisions of the law that mandate separation of those who violate the policy through acts, statements, or marriage. The Department's position is to administer that law in a manner that is both fair and consistent. We remain committed to treating all Service members with dignity and respect.

Sincerely,

David S. C. Chu



Base Code: 06056A - Presidio of Monterey

Primary Service Occupation Code	Service Occupation Title	Language Code*	Language Description*	Frequency
Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	29
1A831E	Unknown	ZZ	Unknown	1
1N312A	Romance Cryptologic Linguist Helper, Spanish (Latin American)	QB	Spanish	2
1N312A	Romance Cryptologic Linguist Helper, Spanish (Latin American)	ZZ	Unknown	1
1N313A	Slavic Cryptologic Linguist Helper, Serbo-Croatian	ZZ	Unknown	1
1N313D	Slavic Cryptologic Linguist Helper, Russian	ZZ	Unknown	1
1N314A	Far East Cryptologic Linguist Helper, Chinese (Mandarin)	ZZ	Unknown	1
1N314B	Far East Cryptologic Linguist Helper, Vietnamese	ZZ	Unknown	1
1N314G	Far East Cryptologic Linguist Helper, Korean	KP	Korean	2
1N314G	Far East Cryptologic Linguist Helper, Korean	SC	Serbo-Croatian	1
1N314G	Far East Cryptologic Linguist Helper, Korean	ZZ	Unknown	3
1N315A	Mid East Cryptologic Linguist Helper, Arabic	AD	Arabic-Modern Standard	1
1N315D	Mid East Cryptologic Linguist Helper, Persian	ZZ	Unknown	1
1N332A	Romance Cryptologic Linguist Apprentice, Spanish (Latin American)	ZZ	Unknown	1
1N333A	Slavic Cryptologic Linguist Apprentice, Russian	ZZ	Unknown	3
1N334G	Unknown	QB	Spanish	1
1N335A	Mid East Cryptologic Linguist Apprentice, Arabic	ZZ	Unknown	2
SN	Seaman	ZZ	Unknown	1
74B10	Information Systems Operator-Analyst	JT	Italian	1
97E10	Interrogator	QB	Spanish	1
98G10	Voice Interceptor	ZZ	Unknown	2
98G10	Voice Interceptor	GM	Germany	1
98G4LP5	Voice Interceptor	ZZ	Unknown	14
		QB	Spanish	1
			Total:	73

*The language, other than English, in which a member possesses the highest proficiency.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell Policy Separations
(FY 1998 - 2003)

Occupation Code: 241- Language Interrogation/Interpretation

Primary Service Occupation Code	Service Occupation Title	Language Code*	Language Description*	Frequency
97E1L	Interrogator	AD	Arabic-Modern Standard	1
97E1L	Interrogator	KP	Korean	1
97E1O	Interrogator	AD	Arabic-Modern Standard	1
97E1O	Interrogator	FR	French	1
97E1O	Interrogator	ZZ	Unknown	11
			Total:	15

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*This is what
we gave
them*