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**Re: Request for Access to MEPS facilities**

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Dear Colonel Yeary:

It has come to our attention that several Military and Entrance Processing Stations (MEPS) under your command presently grant access to one or more civilian, religious organizations, including notably Gideons International, for the purpose of distributing sectarian religious literature to military applicants.

T. JEREMY GUNN  
DIRECTOR

In order to obtain a full and complete understanding of the factual issues regarding the Gideons' presence at USMPECOM facilities, I am writing to request formally that your office grant Col. Michael Pheneger, US Army (ret.), and/or his designated agents, access to a limited number of facilities in order to observe the extent to which civilian organizations (religious and non religious) are permitted to distribute literature, conduct briefings with military applicants, as well as observe the briefings as they occur.

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We are requesting access to the following USMEPCOM facilities:

1. Louisville, KY
2. Boston, MA
3. Springfield, MA
4. Albany, NY
5. New York City, NY
6. Jacksonville, FL
7. Cleveland, OH
8. Albuquerque, NM
9. Boise, ID

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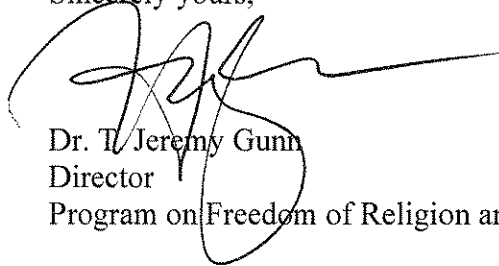
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Col. Pheneger would be happy to work with your facilities to ensure that there is no disruption whatever of your screening and processing requirements.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Gunn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. T. Jeremy Gunn  
Director  
Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief

cc: Col. Michael Pheneger