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Colonel Christopher V. Cardine
PM, Abrams Tank System
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Dear Col. Cardine;

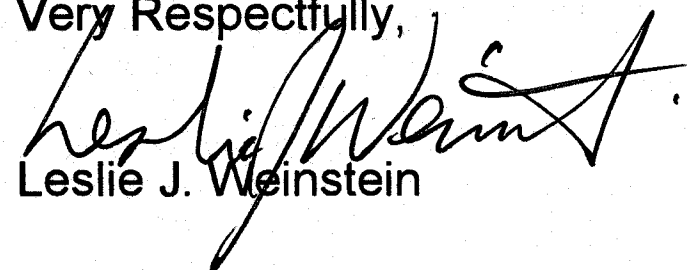
I have been working with your Abrams Tank Team for several years and I think I may be able to provide you greater assistance.

By way of explanation I have to go back to the fall of 1996 when George Simon requested that I submit for review the True Lock safety retention system for the grille door hook on the M1. I submitted the actual hardware that included the snap ring and also the cotter pin in place of the snap ring that I was told you requested and your Team evaluated it.

While testing the system at Gowen Field, we encountered what we felt was a deficiency with the material in the J hooks. We brought this to the attention of George Simon. Since that time I have been informed that it was a deficiency. Your Team has tested at least two different types of J hooks and as yet you have not found a satisfactory material with the necessary hardness and toughness to withstand the pressures as well as the extreme temperatures of the exhaust.

I have a proposal for you. At no cost to the Government, True Lock will fabricate and design a kit which contains our retention system (grooved bolt, retainer, snap ring) and the J hook with a guarantee that it will do the job. We can have this for you in 3 to 4 weeks. I look forward to assisting wherever possible.

Very Respectfully,


Leslie J. Weinstein