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February 12, 2015

VIA E-MAIL

RE: FOIA Request No. DOC-OIG-2015-000445

This letter is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, tracking number DOC-OIG-000445, received by the Department of Commerce, Office of Inspector General (OIG) on December 30, 2014, in which you seek copies of "the list or printout or database listing of IG investigations closed during calendar year 2014."

A search of records maintained by the OIG has located two (2) pages that are responsive to your request. We have reviewed these pages under the terms of FOIA and have determined that one (1) page must be partially withheld under the following exemptions:

- FOIA exemption (b)(3)(A)(i), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3)(A)(i), which protects information that has been specifically exempted from disclosure by a statute that requires matters to be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, specifically the *qui tam* provisions of the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3730(b)(2);
- FOIA exemption (b)(6), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which protects information in personnel, medical or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and
- FOIA exemption (b)(7)(C), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C), which protects law enforcement information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

One (1) page has been partially withheld under FOIA exemptions (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C). Copies of the two pages are enclosed with the relevant withholdings noted.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification to all OIG requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You have the right to appeal this partial denial of your request. An appeal must be received within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this response letter by the Counsel to the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Inspector General, Office of Counsel, Room

7898C, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230. Your appeal may also be sent by e-mail to FOIA@oig.doc.gov, by facsimile (fax) to 202-501-7335, or by FOIAonline, if you have an account in FOIAonline, at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home#>.

The appeal should include a copy of the original request and this initial denial letter. In addition, the appeal should include a statement of the reasons why the records requested should be made available and why the adverse determination was in error. The appeal letter, the envelope, the e-mail subject line, and the fax cover sheet should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." The e-mail, fax machine, FOIAonline, and Office of Counsel mailbox are monitored only on working days during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday). FOIA appeals posted to the e-mail box, fax machine, FOIAonline, or the Office of Counsel mailbox after normal business hours will be deemed received on the next normal business day. If the 30<sup>th</sup> calendar day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal public holiday, an appeal received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the next business day will be deemed timely. An appeal received after the 30-day limit will not be considered.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email at FOIA@oig.doc.gov, or by phone at (202) 482-5992.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Raman Santra", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Raman Santra  
FOIA Officer

Enclosures

## ALL WITHHOLDINGS PURSUANT TO EXEMPTIONS (B)(6) &amp; (B)(7)(C) UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

ID	Title	Disposition	Date Closed
13-0293	Wire Theft at NIST Gaithersburg	I - Investigative Case	01/03/2014
12-0512	██████████; ██████████; ██████████ (NMFS)	I - Investigative Case	01/13/2014
12-0640	██████████ - FALSE CERTIFICATION	I - Investigative Case	01/15/2014
12-0630	██████████ ██████████)	I - Investigative Case	01/17/2014
12-0767	Proposed Suspension for OIG Complainant (WB Reprisal)	I - Investigative Case	01/22/2014
13-0003	██████████ (██████████)	I - Investigative Case	01/22/2014
12-1246	██████████ (GS ██████████) (WB Reprisal)	I - Investigative Case	01/24/2014
10-1119	██████████, ET.AL	I - Investigative Case	01/24/2014
11-0527	██████████	I - Investigative Case	01/24/2014
13-0614	██████████ ██████████ (USPTO)	I - Investigative Case	01/24/2014
13-0149	██████████ (OS)	I - Investigative Case	01/27/2014
13-0223	Classification of Carpenters for ARRA Construction Project (NIST)	I - Investigative Case	01/29/2014
13-0981	Mismanagement of International Travel and Breach of Confidentiality (NOAA)	I - Investigative Case	01/31/2014
13-1285	Altered Climate Observation Records (NOAA/NWS)	P - Preliminary Investigation	02/03/2014
14-0012	Randstad Technologies Bribery	P - Preliminary Investigation	02/20/2014
14-0362	██████████ - EagleNet (NTIA/BTOP)	P - Preliminary Investigation	03/10/2014
13-0418	Employee Suspended for Not Ordering iPads (NWS)	I - Investigative Case	03/10/2014
14-0109	██████████ (BEA)	P - Preliminary Investigation	03/18/2014
13-1033	Qui Tam (b)(3)(A)(i), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ██████████	I - Investigative Case	03/18/2014
13-0948	Mismanagement of GOES-R Program (NOAA/NOS)	I - Investigative Case	03/21/2014
13-1230	(b)(3)(A)(i) ██████████ (UNDER SEAL)	P - Preliminary Investigation	03/21/2014
14-0212	Whistleblower Retaliation & Witness Tampering (CEN)	P - Preliminary Investigation	03/27/2014
13-0052	Professional Resource Management of Rabun (BTOP)	I - Investigative Case	03/27/2014
12-0783	NMFS Southeast Observer Program (WB Reprisal)	I - Investigative Case	04/02/2014
12-0711	██████████ (GS ██████████)	I - Investigative Case	04/03/2014
13-0596	██████████ (USPTO)	I - Investigative Case	04/03/2014
13-0172	Misappropriation of Funds, IT Tampering and Food Poisoning (NOAA)	I - Investigative Case	04/08/2014
10-0398	██████████	I - Investigative Case	04/08/2014
13-0699	Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (NMFS)	I - Investigative Case	04/10/2014
14-0327	██████████ (BIS)	P - Preliminary Investigation	04/11/2014
14-0146	██████████ (US Representative, ██████████ Pennsylvania)	I - Investigative Case	04/21/2014
13-1203	Innovate Inc. (NOAA)	I - Investigative Case	04/21/2014
13-0700	Morale and Recreation Fund (NOAA/OMAO)	I - Investigative Case	04/28/2014
14-0494	Workers Compensation Fraud - ██████████	P - Preliminary Investigation	04/28/2014
12-0410	██████████ (██████████)	I - Investigative Case	05/20/2014
12-0639	FRAUDULENT NMFS DISABILITY RETIREMENT	I - Investigative Case	05/23/2014
12-0791	██████████	I - Investigative Case	06/06/2014
13-0712	Patent Renewal Service	I - Investigative Case	06/06/2014

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ID	Title	Disposition	Date Closed
14-0142	Pend Orielle County Public Utilities District (NTIA/Whistleblower)	P - Preliminary Investigation	06/09/2014
14-0467	██████████ (CEN)	P - Preliminary Investigation	06/10/2014
14-0202	Operation Five Aces Contract Payments to Nova Datacom, LLC	P - Preliminary Investigation	06/12/2014
11-0135	██████████ et al	I - Investigative Case	06/16/2014
12-0332	██████████ (BTOP WB)	I - Investigative Case	06/18/2014
12-1154	Computer Science Corporation	I - Investigative Case	06/18/2014
13-0906	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (BTOP WB Reprisal)	I - Investigative Case	06/18/2014
12-0669	██████████ (GS-██████████)	I - Investigative Case	06/19/2014
14-0462	██████████ (NOAA/NCCOS)	P - Preliminary Investigation	07/09/2014
13-1002	██████████ (NOAA)	I - Investigative Case	08/27/2014
13-1062	██████████ (BIS)	I - Investigative Case	08/27/2014
13-0623	Texas Engineering Extension Service (EDA)	I - Investigative Case	09/29/2014
13-0792	██████████ (NOAA/NESDIS)	I - Investigative Case	12/02/2014
11-0451	██████████	I - Investigative Case	12/17/2014
12-0963	Cook Inlet Marine Mammal Council Fraud (NMFS)	I - Investigative Case	12/17/2014
14-0125	██████████ (BIS)	I - Investigative Case	12/17/2014
14-0228	██████████ (BIS, PAS/SES)	I - Investigative Case	12/17/2014
14-0346	██████████ (NOAA)	I - Investigative Case	12/17/2014
14-0533	Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI)	P - Preliminary Investigation	12/17/2014
14-0892	Employee Misconduct and Mismanagement (NIST)	P - Preliminary Investigation	12/17/2014