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Re: FOIA Request 13-01

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in this office on February 11, 2013, for a list of OIG investigations “closed during calendar year 2012.”

Enclosed please find a list of OIG investigations closed during calendar year 2012. There are three pages responsive to your request, all of which are being released in part.

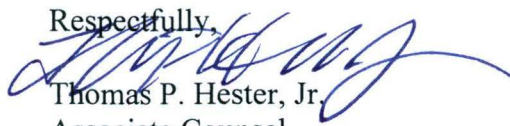
Information has been withheld pursuant to Exemption 7(C) of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C), which protects information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which “could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” The withheld material consists of names and identifying information concerning complainants and persons of investigative interest, as well as the names of OIG investigators.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may appeal, within 90 days of your receipt of this letter, to:

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Both the envelope and the letter must be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

Respectfully,

  
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No.	Case No	CR or CO	Title	Date Opened	Date Closed	RNO	Allegation	Investigator
1	12-005	CO	New Mexico Legal Aid	11/2/2011	2/15/2012	732010	Payment of insurance premiums for ineligible family member of employee [REDACTED] states that GLSP violated the following regulations in present and past litigation: 1636 (Timekeeping), 1638(Solicitation), 1617(Class Action), 1626 (Legal Assistance to Aliens)	[REDACTED]
2	08-010	CO	Georgia Legal Services Program	11/26/2007	3/21/2012		MCLS [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] have been identified by former MCLS' former [REDACTED] who stated that MCLS has over 1500 open cases due to staff attorneys working on personal cases instead of MCLS cases during the work day. [REDACTED] identified [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as two attorneys that engage in an outside law practice.	[REDACTED]
3	11-024	CO	Mississippi Center for Legal Services	6/22/2011	3/22/2012	625071	Allegations of staff attorneys at MCLS engaging in outside practice of law. The two attorneys identified are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
4	11-018	CO	Mississippi Center for Legal Services	5/12/2011	3/22/2012	625071	Attorney [REDACTED] engaged in public demonstration in violation of 1612.7 allegation that LAFLA has engaged in a class action lawsuit through attorney [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
5	12-036	CO	Bay Area Legal Aid	3/26/2012	3/28/2012	805270	Time and Attendance Irregularity as reported by [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
6	12-028	CO	Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	2/27/2012	5/21/2012	805080	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
7	12-004	CO	Legal Aid of Wyoming	11/2/2011	6/21/2012	951050	Redistricting 1632: [REDACTED] member of [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and other groups members have been working on efforts to redistrict Harlingen, Texas, alleging a violation of the federal Voting Rights Act, with an unknown [REDACTED] TRLA from San Antonio. [REDACTED] also stated that there have been discussions about a trip to Washington, D.C. to ask Justice Department officials to order changes to the district map of Harlingen.	[REDACTED]
8	09-016	CO	Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid	3/10/2009	8/23/2012	744100	LAFLA Retaliation Case alleged by [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
9	12-022	CO	Legal Aid Foundations of Los Angeles - LAFLA	1/25/2012	9/12/2012	805080	Alleged time and attendance fraud that identified [REDACTED] and two other Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas employees assigned to their Waxahachie office. Potential for outside practice of law and outside employment.	[REDACTED]
10	12-008	CO	Legal Aid of Northwest Texas [REDACTED]	1/10/2012	9/26/2012	744050	Whether [REDACTED] was performing [REDACTED] work during the time [REDACTED] was being compensated as a CALS employee, if [REDACTED] was paid by both CALS and the listed entities on Path Design's website for the same project, or if [REDACTED] used [REDACTED] position at CALS to promote and obtain work for [REDACTED] private company [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
11	12-026	CO	Legal Aid of Arkansas [REDACTED]	2/15/2012	10/31/2012	619010	Duplicate or missing vendors.	[REDACTED]
12	11-026	CR	Lone Star Legal Aid [REDACTED]	8/1/2011	3/27/2012	744060	IT inventory irregularities and authorization and documentation of overtime payments to staff.	[REDACTED]
13	11-025	CR	Lone Star Legal Aid	7/21/2011	3/27/2012	744060	Allegation of embezzlement by a sub-grantee, misappropriation on federal taxes.	[REDACTED]
14	11-034	CR	Inland Counties Legal Services	9/30/2011	4/2/2012	805230	Suspicious accounting activities reported in IPA report	[REDACTED]
15	07-013	CR	Unai Legal Services Corporation American Samoa""	6/19/2007	4/17/2012	955000		[REDACTED]

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16	12-023	CR	LAS of Orange County	1/26/2012	4/25/2012	805310	On Wednesday, January 24, 2012, an anonymous caller contacted the IG to report that someone should look into the LAS of Orange County (CA), because management is embezzling money. The caller stated that management is using LSC funds for personal use. Mgmt. just spent \$200,000 on a phone system and paid someone \$100,000 for 2-3 months of advertising work.	[REDACTED]
17	12-042	CR	Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas	5/29/2012	6/28/2012	744050	allegations of giving a contract to a family member, without proper bids and allegations of promotion without the proper skills acquired for the promotion.	[REDACTED]
18	11-006	CR	Appalachian Research and Defense fund of Kentucky	12/20/2010	7/12/2012	618030	Alleged misuse of Program funds by [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
19	12-034	CR	Legal Aid of Northwest Texas	3/19/2012	7/26/2012	744050	Payroll deposit in the amount of \$939.39. The amount was mistakenly deposited into the wrong employee's account. The mistake was discovered on the same day that payroll was deposited, December 28, 2011. The bank was notified to reverse the deposit. The bank informed the grantee that the reversal of the deposit did not take effect. After discussions with the employee, [REDACTED] has made the determination that the employee knew, or should have known, of the mistake. Yet, [REDACTED] failed to advise accounting and proceeded to withdraw the funds from [REDACTED] account.	[REDACTED]
20	12-017	CR	Legal Aid Bureau Baltimore, MD'''	1/19/2012	8/2/2012	321016	Theft from ADP payroll system	[REDACTED]
21	12-027	CR	Legal Aid & Defenders Association	2/23/2012	8/22/2012	423148	Audit department referred to investigations findings of their limited scope audit of Legal Aid & Defenders Association (LADA). The referral is regarding significant control weaknesses in relation to payroll operations.	[REDACTED]
22	12-044	CR	Community Legal Aid Services	6/1/2012	9/6/2012	436030	Possible violations of Title 18 USC § 1516 (Obstruction of a Federal Audit) and Title 18 USC § 1001 (False Statements).	[REDACTED]
23	11-019	CR	Micronesia Legal Services	5/26/2011	9/25/2012	952000	[REDACTED] a [REDACTED] at Micronesia Legal Services has reported financial and attendance irregularities.	[REDACTED]
24	11-027	CR	Legal Aid Bureau	8/1/2011	9/27/2012	744060	On July 26, 2011, Dutch Merryman, AIGI for Audit informed Thomas Coogan, AIGI for Investigations of the results of the Quality Control Review (QCR) conducted by Cherry, Bekaert, & Holland (Cherry) of the audit work performed by Mitchell & Titus at the Legal Aid Bureau (LAB), Baltimore, MD for fiscal years 2003 through 2006. Of special emphasis in Dutch's referral was Cherry's review of the audit work performed by Mitchell & Titus for FY 2005 and 2006 where supplies purchased by LAB from Baltimore Office Supply increased from over \$200,000 to over \$400,000 between 2005 and 2006.	[REDACTED]
25	12-003	CR	Puerto Rico Legal Services	11/1/2011	10/16/2012	253010	Allegations of T&A Fraud, Non-Employee receiving medical benefits, discrimination practices regarding age and sexual orientation, purchase/remodeling of building and wasteful spending all around.	[REDACTED]
26	11-031	FVA	Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc. Fort Myers, FL'''	8/17/2011	2/15/2012	610020		[REDACTED]
27	12-013	FVA	Oklahoma Indian Legal Services	1/10/2012	3/1/2012	737018		[REDACTED]
28	12-002	FVA	Mississippi Center for Legal Services	11/1/2011	3/7/2012	625071		[REDACTED]
29	12-020	FVA	Legal Aid of Arkansas	1/25/2012	3/22/2012	604020	Conducted the week of February 20	[REDACTED]

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30 12-009 FVA	Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas	1/10/2012	6/28/2012	744050	
31 12-038 FVA	Legal Services of South Central Michigan	4/25/2012	7/31/2012	423010	FVA in Ann Arbor, MI
32 13-001 FVA	Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc. Milwaukee, WI	10/1/2012	11/29/2012	550010	FVA in Milwaukee, WI during week of 10/22/12
33 12-006 RVA	LSC of Delaware	12/14/2011	4/17/2012	308010	Regulatory Vulnerability Assessment pilot program Legal Services Corporation of Delaware
34 12-029 RVA	Legal Aid Northwest Texas	3/6/2012	9/24/2012	744050	
35 12-024 RVA	Coast to Coast	1/31/2012	9/24/2012	610090	
36 12-032 RVA	Iowa Legal Aid	3/15/2012	9/25/2012	516006	
37 12-030 RVA	Volunteers Lawyers Project	3/12/2012	9/26/2012	122007	
38 12-045 RVA	Essex-Newark Legal Services Project	7/12/2012	12/12/2012	331060	



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