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Council of the
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Subject: Log No. 6330-2013-27

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated April 20, 2013, to the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE). You requested a copy of each written response or letter from CIGIE to a Congressional Committee in calendar years 2012 and 2013 to date. Specifically, you requested “one-time type responses” to Committee inquiries. Further, you stated that you did not want to receive constituent responses to a congressional office or regular, periodic reports to Congress.

We have enclosed two pages of responsive documents.

Further, we have referred this request to the Integrity Committee for direct response to you. Pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, section 11.(d)(2)(A), the CIGIE Integrity Committee maintains its own records separately from other CIGIE entities. The CIGIE Integrity Committee is chaired by an Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Integrity Committee has a long-standing practice of processing FOIA requests in accordance with the FBI’s FOIA procedures.

Contact information for the CIGIE Integrity Committee is as follows:

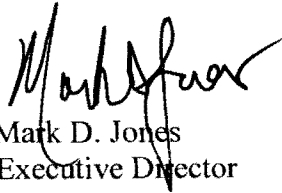
Mr. Joseph S. Campbell
Chairperson
CIGIE Integrity Committee
935 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535-0001
(202) 324-3768

You should hear directly from the CIGIE Integrity Committee in due course.

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You have the right to appeal CIGIE's response by writing to the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, 1717 H Street NW., Suite 825, Washington, D.C. 20006-3900. Your appeal must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter. The outside of the envelope should be clearly marked "FOIA APPEAL."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark D. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Mark D. Jones
Executive Director

Enclosure



Council of the
INSPECTORS GENERAL
on INTEGRITY and EFFICIENCY

August 31, 2012

The Honorable Darrell E. Issa
Chairman, Committee on Oversight
and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Issa:

The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) appreciates the important dialogue our Legislation Committee has had with your staff in recent months regarding the congressional reporting duties and responsibilities of Inspectors General (IG). The dialogue provided us an opportunity to discuss statutory reporting obligations and share IG perspectives on routine and exceptional congressional reporting.

Earlier this month, IGs across Government received your letter seeking information relative to the issuance of seven-day letters and reporting of serious or flagrant problems since January 1, 2009. The letter also asks for information about how individual IGs view the reporting requirements set forth in Section 4(a)(5) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. We understand that individual IGs are responding directly to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Committee) on these questions.

CIGIE is keenly aware that its members have a very important dual reporting responsibility to Congress and their respective agency heads. This relationship with Congress helps protect IG independence and objectivity. IGs also understand that our work is often the basis, or an important component, of congressional oversight of agency programs and activities.

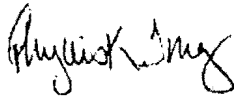
To that end, CIGIE is working to document effective practices that IGs can and are using to keep the Congress fully and currently informed. This information will be made available to CIGIE members to assist them in carrying out their reporting duties and responsibilities.

The Honorable Darrell E. Issa

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CIGIE looks forward to continuing this important dialogue with the Committee, and we appreciate the ongoing support that the Committee has demonstrated for our mission. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 720-8001 should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Phyllis K. Fong
Chairperson

cc:

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The Honorable Jeffrey D. Zients
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