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January 28, 2014

FOIPA Request No.: 1204995-000
Subject: CIGIE INTEGRITY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES - 10/1/2011 TO 12/16/2012

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Section 552

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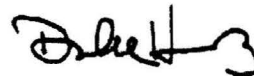
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David M. Hardy
Section Chief
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Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

In response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to FBI Headquarters, enclosed are processed copies of the CIGIE Integrity Committee Meeting Minutes for the time period you requested.

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SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.



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Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2012
Notes of [redacted] Management and Program Analyst

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Attendees

IC Members:

Patrick McFarland, Inspector General (IG), Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Adam Trzeciak, IG, Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)

Allison Lerner, IG, National Science Foundation (NSF)

J. Russell George, IG, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA)

[redacted], Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel (OSC)

Don Fox, General Counsel, OGE (via telephone)

[redacted], Public Integrity Section, (PIN), Department of Justice (DOJ)

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IC Working Group (WG) Members:

[redacted] Supervisory Special Agent (SSA), PCU, FBI
[redacted] Office of General Counsel, (OGC), FBI
[redacted] Program Analyst, PCU, FBI

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[redacted] Acting Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, chaired the IC meeting which began at approximately 1:00 pm in the FBI's Criminal Investigative Conference Room. The members of the IC toured the FBI Educational Center prior to the start of the IC meeting. The IC first discussed the Administrative Investigation, followed by IG responses, and concluded with new cases and other matters.

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I: Administrative Investigation

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Complainant: [redacted], Senior Audit Advisor
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Subject: [redacted], Acting Inspector General,
[redacted], Assistant IG for Management, FCC

Date Opened: 6/1/2010

Allegation: That the Acting IG & AIGM used their office for private gain, violated the anti-deficiency act, merit principles, appropriation law, competition in contracting act, obstructed a federal audit, engaged in nepotism, mismanaged the FCC IG's office and wasted federal funds.

Narrative: The Oversight and Review Division, OIG, DOJ, is leading the administrative investigation into allegations that the FCC, IG and the AIG endeavored to obstruct two federal performance audits by directing that a witness not be interviewed.

IC Meeting Discussion from the January 2012 IC Meeting:

The IC members were informed that DOJ-OIG encountered problems in completing the necessary interviews. After discussion, the IC members decided that OIG, DOJ should attempt to complete its interview of [redacted] within the week, and if not, the OIG should complete its ROI without the IG's interview. The IG will be given an opportunity to respond to the ROI, as part of the IC process. This investigation should be completed by the next IC meeting in April.

IC Meeting Discussion from the May 2012 IC Meeting:

The IC members were informed that DOJ-OIG ROI is still going through the approval process. The IC members would like the ICWG to obtain a date certain for the DOJ-OIG to provide the ROI for IC review, with or without [redacted] interview.

Complainant:

Subject:

Date Opened:

Allegation:

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II: IG Responses

IC# 707

Complainant:

Special Agents,
Department of Transportation (DOT)

Subject:

Principal Assistant Inspector General for Investigations (AIGI)
DOT

Date Opened: 12/2/2011

Allegations: That the AIGI, DOT, failed to investigate an alleged assault against [redacted] because of unrelated allegations [redacted] has made against the AIGI, DOT. .

Disposition from January 19, 2012 IC Meeting: The IC noted that the complaint met the threshold standards; therefore, the IC will request a response. Other allegations raised by [redacted] and [redacted] are presently being addressed by the EEOC and MSPB, so the IC will defer its review of those allegations until the other proceedings have concluded.

Narrative: On 4/12/2012, the AIGI, DOT responded to the allegation.

Disposition from May 1, 2012 IC Meeting: The IC accepted the AIGI's response and closed complaint.

IC# 708

Complainant: Anonymous

Subject: Scott Dahl,
Inspector General (IG)
Smithsonian Institute (SI)

Date Opened: 12/28/2011

Allegations: That the former Deputy IG, Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), abused his authority by changing his testimony and by improperly approving certain work from home.

Disposition from the January 19, 2012 IC meeting: The IC noted that the complaint met the threshold standards; therefore, the IC will request a response from the IG.

Narrative: The IC received a response from the IG, SI on 3/19/2012.

Disposition from the May 1, 2012 IC meeting: The IC accepted the IG's response and closed complaint.

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III. New Complaints

IC# 709

Complainant: Anonymous

Referred by: [REDACTED]

Subject:

Assistant Inspector General for Investigations (AIGI)
Department of Education (DOEd)

Date Opened: 3/26/2011

Allegation: That the AIGI, DOEd, abused his authority by approving unofficial travel of the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, DOEd.

Disposition from the 5/1/12 IC Meeting: The IC agreed to request a response from the AIGI regarding the allegations.

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***IG Russell George was recused from discussion of IC 711**

IC# 711

Complainant: OIG, TIGTA

Referred by: [REDACTED]

Chairman,

Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC)

Subject:

Roy Lavik,
Inspector General (IG)
CFTC

Date Opened: 3/29/2012

Allegation: That the IG, CFTC, improperly authorized the release of information protected by the Privacy Act and the IG Act.

Disposition from the 5/1/12 IC Meeting: The complaint fails to meet the threshold standards; therefore, the IC will close the complaint.

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IC# 712

Complainant: Anonymous

Referred by: GAO FraudNET

Subject:

[REDACTED] Acting Inspector General,
[REDACTED] Assistant Inspector General,
USAID

Date Opened: 4/23/2012

Allegation: That the Acting IG, failed to stop the alleged improper actions of the AIGA. The AIGA ordered USAID auditors to remove negative findings from performance audits concerning third party contractors implementing government programs in other countries.

Disposition from the 5/1/12 IC Meeting: The complaint meets the threshold standards; therefore, the IC will request a response to the allegations from the Acting IG and AIGA.

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IC# 713

Complainant: Anonymous

Referred by: [REDACTED]

Acting Deputy Inspector General
Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

Subject: [REDACTED]

Assistant Inspector General for Investigations (AIGI)
SEC

Date Opened: 4/13/2012

Allegation: That the AIGI, SEC, submitted suggestions to the SEC employee suggestion box then pressured for implementation of his suggestion which would result in a monetary gift. On 4/27/2012, the AIGI provided his response.

Disposition from the 5/1/12 IC Meeting: The complaint fails to meet the threshold standards; therefore, the IC will close the complaint.

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IC# 714

Complainant: Anonymous

Subject: [REDACTED]

Acting Deputy Inspector General
Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

Date Opened: 4/26/2012

Allegation: That the AIGI, SEC, exhibits behavior unbecoming of an AIGI, acts inappropriately and is responsible for a hostile work environment.

Disposition from the 5/1/12 IC Meeting: The complaint meets the threshold standards; therefore, the IC will request a response from the IC. On 5/10/2012, [REDACTED] was placed on Administrative leave from the SEC, therefore, the IC will hold request for a response until he is re-instated.

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IV: Matters Outside of IC Purview

The IC received complaints from the following individuals:

[] of Mobile, AL. [] alleges that the Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), failed to investigate his complaint regarding two FEMA contracting Technical Representatives. The complainant did not want the ICWG to refer his complaint to the IG, DHS.

[] of Gary, IN. [] alleges that SA [] OIG, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provided false statements, fraudulent document and committed perjury and obstruction of justice which resulted in his dismissal by his employer, Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The ICWG referred the matter to the Acting IG, DHS, for appropriate action.

[] of Gaithersburg, MD. [] alleges that the OIG, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) failed to investigate the unauthorized collection of FM Auction Filing Fees by the FCC. The ICWG referred the complaint to the IG, FCC, for appropriate action.

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[] of Dallas, TX. [] alleges that the US Department of Agriculture and the OIG, USDA, are involved in an ongoing cover-up of both offices in the gross negligent oversight of Business Loan Commercial Capital's USDA guaranteed loans. The ICWG recommended to complainant to resubmit his complaint to the IC, once his civil litigation is completed.

[] of Robins AFB, GA. SSgt [] alleges a major cover up and fraud by the AF/IGQ and the OIG – Department of Defense. The ICWG referred the complaint to the IG, DOD, for appropriate action.

[] of St. Louis, MO. [] alleges that two prosecutors assigned to the Eastern District of Missouri fabricated evidence and provided fraudulent documents. The ICWG spoke with complainant to advise her that the complaint fell outside of the IC's jurisdiction.

An anonymous complaint referred by AGO FraudNET alleges that the OIG, EPA is misinterpreting the IG's Act by not sharing in the costs with EPA in a move into new office space. The ICWG referred the complaint to the IG, EPA, for appropriate action.

[] of Hazleton, PA. [] alleges that DOL OIG failed to enforce transparency and proper accounting in the use of federal job training and welfare funded money with the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board. The ICWG will refer the complaint to the IG, DOL, for appropriate action.

[redacted] of Blackstone, MA. [redacted] alleges that the US Post Master in Blackstone, MA, failed to perform her job duties. The ICWG referred the complaint to the IG, USPS for appropriate action.

[redacted] of Albuquerque, NM. [redacted] alleges that Albuquerque Postal Service, OIG, failed to investigate complaints of mail tampering. The ICWG will refer the complaint to the IG, USPS, for appropriate action.

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*** The IC was informed that it received an anonymous complaint from GAO FraudNET regarding [redacted] Deputy IG, DHS. The complaint alleges that [redacted] pressured [redacted] the Associate Director of the Management Directorate to find a job for [redacted] [redacted] The IC will hold this complaint until after the criminal investigation is completed.

V: Closing Remarks

The meeting concluded at approximately 3:00 p.m. with a reminder that the IC members will be contacted regarding the available dates for the next scheduled IC meeting.



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Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2012
Notes of [REDACTED] Management and Program Analyst

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Attendees

IC Members:

Patrick McFarland, Inspector General (IG), Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Adam Trzeciak, IG, Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)

Allison Lerner, IG, National Science Foundation (NSF)

J. Russell George, IG, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA)

[REDACTED] Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel (OSC)

Don Fox, General Counsel, OGE (via telephone)

[REDACTED] Public Integrity Section, (PIN), Department of Justice (DOJ)

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IC Working Group (WG) Members:

[REDACTED] Supervisory Special Agent (SSA), PCU, FBI

[REDACTED] Office of General Counsel, (OGC), FBI

[REDACTED] Program Analyst, PCU, FBI

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Val Parlave, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, chaired the IC meeting which began at approximately 1:00 pm in the FBI's Criminal Investigative Conference Room. The IC first discussed the Administrative Investigation, followed by IG responses, and concluded with new cases and other matters.

I: Administrative Investigations

IC# 712

Complainant: Anonymous

Referred by: GAO FraudNET

Subject: [redacted] Acting Inspector General,
[redacted], Assistant Inspector General,
USAID

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Date Opened: 4/23/2012

Allegation: That the Acting IG, failed to stop the alleged improper actions of the AIGA. The AIGA ordered USAID auditors to remove negative findings from performance audits concerning third party contractors implementing government programs in other countries.

Disposition from the 5/1/12 IC Meeting: the complaint meets the threshold standards; therefore, the IC will request a response from the Acting IG and AIGA. The IC reviewed the responses and decided to pursue an administrative investigation. The National Labor Relations Board, OIG, was assigned the task of leading the administrative investigation.

IC# 719:

Complainant: Senators Session, Vitter and Cornyn

Subject: [redacted]

Acting IG
Department of Interior

Date Opened: 5/24/2012

Allegations: That the Acting IG's:

- 1) Attendance at a number of meetings with DOI officials "raises serious questions about her independence and integrity.
- 2) That she stymied a full and complete investigation and an accurate and complete report as evidenced by edits and the comments of the case agent.
- 3) That she declined to provide documents pursuant to a Congressional subpoena.
- 4) That her office failed to reach a determination on the issue of a potential violation of the Information Quality Act.

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Disposition: On 7/10/12, Acting IG [redacted] provided a response to the allegations. During a July conference call with the IC members, after reviewing the allegations and the response, the IC members decided to pursue an administrative investigation and assigned the administrative investigation to the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) OIG. On 8/23/12, RRB OIG declined to accept assignment due to a parallel investigation matter. The IC members will request that another OIG to review the administrative package matter.

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Complainant: [redacted] Senior Audit Advisor
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Subject: [redacted] Acting Inspector General,
[redacted] Assistant IG for Management,
FCC

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Date Opened: 6/1/2010

Allegation: That the Acting IG and AIGM used their office for private gain, violated the anti-deficiency act, merit principles, appropriation law, competition in contracting act, obstructed a federal audit, engaged in nepotism, mismanaged the FCC IG's office and wasted federal funds.

Narrative: The Oversight and Review Division, OIG, DOJ, is leading the administrative investigation into allegations that the FCC, IG and the AIG endeavored to obstruct two federal performance audits by directing that a witness not be interviewed. On August 31, 2012, the DOJ OIG provided a final ROI to the IC for review. The allegations were unsubstantiated; therefore, the IC will close the complaint

II: IG Responses

IC# 709

Complainant: Anonymous

Referred by:

Subject:

[redacted]
Assistant Inspector General for Investigations (AIGI)
Department of Education (DOEd)

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Date Opened: 3/26/2011

Allegation: That the AIGI, DOEd, abused his authority by approving unofficial travel of the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, DOEd.

Disposition from the 5/1/12 IC Meeting: The IC agreed to request a response from the AIGI regarding the allegations.

Narrative: On 6/5/12, the AIGI provided his response.

Disposition from May 1, 2012 IC Meeting: The IC accepted the AIGI's response and closed complaint.

III. New Complaints

IC# 717

Complainant:

Subject:

Associate Inspector General for Investigation
Federal Reserve Board (FRB)

Date Opened: 8/4/2012

Allegation: That the AIGI, FRB, created a hostile work environment, discriminated and retaliated against complainant with prohibited personnel practices after he filed a complaint with (USERA), Department of Labor.

Disposition from the 9/6/12 IC Meeting: The IC will request that the AIGI respond to the allegations.

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IC# 721

Complainant:

Audit Manager
Small Business Administration (SBA)

Referred by: CIGIE

Subject: Office of Inspector General
SBA

Date Opened: 7/12/2012

Allegation: That the OIG, SBA, failed to correct inaccuracies and errors on an audit report Number 10-10.

Disposition from the 6/9/12 IC Meeting: The IC will close the complaint as is but will review again if complainant can provide more detailed information and either a name or position of the subject, if under the purview of the IC.

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IC# 722

Complainant: Request Confidentially

Subject: Rebecca Batts, Inspector General
Office of Inspector General
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC)

Date Opened: 7/20/2012

Allegation: That the OIG, PBGC, deviates from the "yellow book" standards.

Disposition from the 5/1/12 IC Meeting: The complaint meets the threshold standards; therefore, the IC will request a response from the IG.

IC# 725

Complainant: Anonymous

Subject: Lanie D'Alessandro,
Inspector General
Office of Inspector General
National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)

Date Opened: 8/29/2012

Allegation: That the IG, NRO, attended a meeting with the Polygraph Unit where an employee working under the IG, lobbied for a job transfer for a family member from the IG's office. The IG is also involved in a special review of the Polygraph Unit regarding their Unit not reporting criminal wrongdoing to law enforcement.

Disposition from the 5/1/12 IC Meeting: The complaint meets the threshold standards; therefore, the IC will assign an OIG to pursue an administrative investigation.

IV: Matters Outside of IC Purview

The IC received complaints from the following individuals:

[] [] alleged that the Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), harassed him physically and sexually via psychotronics. The complaint was close with no further referral.

[] [] alleged a faulty investigation by the Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Interior (DOI). The ICWG referred the matter to the IG, DOI, for appropriate action.

[] [] alleged that the Special Agents with the Department of Transportation (DOT) violated the IG Reform Act. The ICWG referred the complaint to the IG, DOT, for appropriate action.

[] [] alleged that the US Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) failed to investigate his complaint. The ICWG referred the complaint to the IG, HHS, for appropriate action.

[] [] alleged misconduct by the Army IG. The ICWG referred the complaint to the IG, Department of Defense, for appropriate action.

[] [] alleged mismanagement of funds by the Director of a program under the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The ICWG referred the complaint to the OIG, HHS, for appropriate action.

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[redacted] [redacted] alleged the OIG, Social Security Administration (SSA), failed to investigate her complaint. The complaint was close with no further referral.

[redacted] [redacted] alleged a faulty investigation by the OIG, Department of Commerce (DOC). The ICWG referred the complaint to the OIG, DOC, for appropriate action.

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[redacted] [redacted] alleged inappropriate conduct of a Registrar of Voter employee. The complaint was closed with no further action.

[redacted] [redacted] alleged that OIG, Department of Labor, failed to investigate his complaint against OSHA. The complaint was closed with no further referral.

V: Closing Remarks

The meeting concluded at approximately 3:00 p.m. with a reminder that the IC members will be contacted regarding the available dates for the next scheduled IC meeting.



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Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2012
Notes of [REDACTED], Management and Program Analyst

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Attendees

IC Members:

Patrick McFarland, Inspector General (IG), Office of Personnel Management (OPM)
Adam Trzeciak, IG, Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)
Allison Lerner, IG, National Science Foundation (NSF)
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IC Working Group (WG) Members:

[REDACTED], Supervisory Special Agent (SSA), PCU, FBI
[REDACTED], Office of General Counsel, (OGC), FBI
[REDACTED], Program Analyst, PCU, FBI

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Kevin Perkins, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, chaired the IC meeting which began at approximately 1:30 pm in the FBI's Criminal Investigative Conference Room. Allison Lerner was introduced as the new IC representative from the National Science Foundation. The IC first discussed the Administrative Investigations, followed by IG responses, and concluded with new cases and other matters.

I: Administrative Investigation

Complainant: [redacted] Senior Audit Advisor
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Subject: [redacted] Acting Inspector General,
[redacted] Assistant IG for Management,
FCC

Date Opened: 6/1/2010

Allegation: That the Acting IG and AIGM used their office for private gain, violated the anti-deficiency act, merit principles, appropriation law, competition in contracting act, obstructed a federal audit, engaged in nepotism, mismanaged the FCC IG's office and wasted federal funds.

Narrative: The Oversight and Review Division, OIG, DOJ, is leading the administrative investigation into allegations that the FCC, IG and the AIG endeavored to obstruct two federal performance audits by directing that a witness not be interviewed.

***Administrative Investigation Status:** During the September IC meeting, [redacted] DOJ, Lead investigator, stated that interviews and follow-up interviews were completed for five individuals. Her investigative team is reviewing thousands of pages of documents and in the process of organizing and analyzing the documents. Completion of report should be within the next few months. During the January IC meeting, [redacted] DOJ, Lead investigator, stated that they do not yet have a completed ROI because (Acting) IG [redacted] has not yet provided a date to complete his interview.

IC Meeting Discussion:

The IC members were informed as to the problems OIG, DOJ encountered in completing the necessary interviews. After a discussion, the IC members decided that OIG, DOJ should attempt to complete its interview of [redacted] within the week, and if not, the OIG should complete its ROI without the IG's interview. The IG will be given an opportunity to respond to the ROI, as part of the IC process. This investigation should aim to be completed by the next IC meeting in April.

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II: IG Responses

<u>Complainant:</u>	
<u>Subject:</u>	
<u>Date Opened:</u>	
<u>Allegation:</u>	

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IC# 697

Complainant: Anonymous (Protect Identity)

Subject: David Kotz,
Inspector General (IG)
Security and Exchange Commission (SEC)

Date Opened: 6/27/2011

Allegation: That the IG, SEC, created a hostile work environment and violated the Quality Standards for Investigations.

Disposition from the 9/22/11 IC Meeting: The IC agreed to request a response from the IG regarding the allegations. The IC received a response from the IG on 11/27/11.

Disposition from the 1/19/12 IC Meeting: The IC agreed to accept the IG's response to the allegations and closed the complaint.

IC# 701

Complainant: Anonymous

Subject: Patrick McFarland

Inspector General (IG)

Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Date Opened: 8/4/2011

Allegation: That the IG, OPM, twice awarded a relocation bonus to the same individual.

Disposition from the 9/22/11 IC Meeting: The IC agreed to request a response from the IG regarding the allegations. On 11/30/11, the IG provided his response.

Disposition from 1/19/12 IC Meeting: The IC agreed to accept the IG's response to the allegations and closed the complaint.

IC# 702

Complainant: Anonymous

Referred by: GAO FraudNET

Subject: Luke Hall, Executive Special Agent in Charge (SAC)

Office of Inspector General (OIG)

United States Postal Service (USPS)

David C. Williams, Inspector General (IG)

USPS

Date Opened: 6/10/2011

Allegation: (1) That the Executive SAC misused his Government issued credit card and abused his position; and (2) that the IG redacted the audit findings that disclosed the Executive SAC's misuse of the Government credit card.

Disposition from the 9/22/11 IC Meeting: The IC agreed to request a response. On 10/28/11, the IG provided his response.

Disposition from the 1/19/12 IC Meeting: The IC agreed to accept the IG's response to the allegations and closed the complaint.

III. New Complaints

IC# 707

Complainant:

Special Agents,
Department of Transportation (DOT)

Subject:

Principal Assistant Inspector General for Investigations (AIGI)
DOT

Date Opened: 12/2/2011

Allegations: That the AIGI, DOT, failed to investigate an alleged assault against
 because of unrelated allegations has made against the AIGI, DOT. .

Disposition: The IC noted that the complaint met the threshold standards; therefore, the IC will request a response. Other allegations raised by and are presently being addressed by the EEOC and MSPB, so the IC will defer its review of those allegations until the other proceedings have concluded.

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IC# 708

Complainant: Anonymous

Subject: Scott Dahl,
Inspector General (IG)
Smithsonian Institute (SI)

Date Opened: 12/28/2011

Allegations: That the former Deputy IG, Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), abused his authority by changing his testimony and by improperly approving certain work from home.

Disposition: The IC noted that the complaint met the threshold standards; therefore, the IC will request a response from the IG.

IV: Matters Outside of IC Purview

The IC received complaints from the following individuals:

[] of Oolitic, IN. [] alleges that the Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Labor (DOL), failed to provide oversight of DOL-VETS investigations report which contained nonfactual information. The ICWG referred the complaint to the IG, DOL, for appropriate action.

[] of Cortland, NY. [] alleges that his representative payee for Social Security disability payments is not providing sufficient money for food. The ICWG referred the matter to the IG, SSA, for appropriate action.

Captain [] of Andrews AFB, MD. Captain [] alleges that the IG, USAF and the IG, Department of Defense (DOD), failed to investigate his complaint regarding fraud, reprisal and workplace abuse. The ICWG referred the complaint to the IG, DOD, for appropriate action.

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[] of Fairfax, Va. [] is a subject in a pending administrative investigation []. [] alleges that he has received what he considers a "death threat" in connection with his exposure at work to further reprisal on the part of the complainant and others involved in []. [] is presently on administrative leave with the FCC until further notice. After discussion by the IC, it was determined that since [] is still on administrative leave, there is no further "perceived" exposure of reprisal at work, therefore, the ICWG will close his complaint.

V: Closing Remarks

The meeting concluded at approximately 3:00 p.m. with a reminder that the IC members will be contacted regarding the available dates for the next scheduled IC meeting.