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January 23, 2017

Re: FOIA Request 17-3

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in this office on December 27, 2016, seeking a “copy or printout of the list of LSC OIG investigations closed during calendar year 2015 and calendar year 2016.”

Enclosed please find one page of information responsive to your request, which is being released in part.

I am withholding information from the enclosed document 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 of persons or identifying information concerning individuals who were the subjects of or complainants in OIG investigations.

Moreover, please be advised that Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the 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 the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

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

Jeffrey E. Schanz, Inspector General
Legal Services Corporation
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Both the envelope and the letter must be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "THP Hester, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas P. Hester, Jr.
Associate Counsel
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Legal Services Corporation

Case No	CO/CR	Title	Date Opened	Date Closed	RNO	Allegation
13-010	CO	Dakota Plains Legal Services, Inc	10/12/2012	1/5/2015	742018	Allegations of time and attendance and outside practice of law by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and unauthorized practice of law by [REDACTED] paralegals, and misuse of client funds; allegation received July 24, 2012;
14-055	CO	Ocean - Monmouth Legal Services	7/24/2014	3/18/2015	331100	Personal use of credit card by [REDACTED]
15-015	CO	Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association	12/22/2014	11/9/2015	805230	Fraudulent activity surrounding PAI
16-045	CO	California Rural Legal Asst. - 1612 Violation	5/19/2016	9/20/2016	805260	Lobbying
13-027	CR	Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Program	1/25/2013	1/28/2015		Misappropriation of funds
15-013	CR	Legal Aid Society of Hawaii	12/3/2014	2/18/2015	912000	Time and attendance fraud
15-006	CR	Montana Legal Services [REDACTED]	10/20/2014	4/13/2015	927000	Time and attendance fraud
15-030	CR	Inland Counties Legal Services	3/12/2015	4/14/2015	805230	Client trust account fraud
15-007	CR	Southwestern Pennsylvania LS [REDACTED]	10/30/2014	4/29/2015	339080	Management abuse [REDACTED]
15-019	CR	Dakota Plains LS	1/20/2015	6/16/2015	748012	Theft of funds
15-039	CR	Southwestern Pennsylvania LS (Question Cost - [REDACTED])	4/23/2015	6/25/2015	339080	Questioned cost regarding [REDACTED] salary
15-024	CR	Legal Aid of East Tennessee-client trust fund	2/4/2015	7/14/2015	643020	Loss of client's money order
14-045	CR	Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program [REDACTED]	5/7/2014	8/4/2015		Theft of public funds
15-008	CR	Legal Aid Fdn Los Angeles [REDACTED]	11/3/2014	8/24/2015	805080	Excessive [REDACTED] salary advance
15-054	CR	Inland Counties LS [REDACTED]	8/28/2015	9/25/2015	805230	Time and attendance fraud
15-053	CR	Legal Services of North Louisiana (Mismanagement)	8/28/2015	10/1/2015	619061	Mismanagement
15-056	CR	Land of Lincoln LA	9/10/2015	10/8/2015	514050	Travel fraud
16-001	CR	Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services	10/11/2015	10/19/2015	524030	Petty cash discrepancy
15-043	CR	California Rural Legal Assistance [REDACTED]	6/5/2015	10/19/2015	805260	Time and attendance fraud
16-008	CR	Inland Counties LS - [REDACTED] (2)	10/27/2015	1/5/2016	805230	Time and attendance fraud
14-062	CR	California Rural Legal Assistance	9/15/2014	2/11/2016	805260	Time and attendance fraud
16-018	CR	Lone Star - Client Trust	12/17/2015	2/18/2016	744060	Client trust fund review
15-052	CR	Legal Aid Bureau [REDACTED]	8/27/2015	3/1/2016	321016	[REDACTED] compensation review
16-021	CR	Lone Star Legal Aid [REDACTED]	1/4/2016	4/5/2016	744060	Conflict of interest
16-025	CR	Laurel Legal Services, Inc	2/8/2016	4/26/2016	339026	Possible false billing
16-031	CR	Texas RioGrande Legal Aid - [REDACTED] Travel Issue	3/31/2016	6/1/2016	744100	Review of [REDACTED] travel vouchers
16-017	CR	Legal Services of Southern Missouri	12/3/2015	6/3/2016	526051	Nepotism, awarding lucrative contract work to family members of the [REDACTED] and other department heads; a shameful waste of resources including frequent meals and conferences with lavish spending for a select few. Apparently the board approves the expenditures of the [REDACTED] so some of the more extravagant purchases were put on the card of the [REDACTED], and immediately approved by [REDACTED]
16-032	CR	Legal Services Alabama	4/11/2016	6/7/2016	601037	Mismanagement of staff and resources
16-012	CR	DNA-Peoples LS	10/29/2015	6/8/2016	703068	Multiple allegations of time and attendance fraud
16-033	CR	Texas RioGrande Legal Assistance - Sabbatical	4/11/2016	7/11/2016	744100	Review of sabbatical leave for long term employees
16-036	CR	Texas RioGrande Legal Asst. [REDACTED] Travel	4/14/2016	7/13/2016	744100	Questioned costs for staff travel
16-038	CR	Oklahoma Indian Legal Services - Credit Card Trans	5/5/2016	9/20/2016	737018	Questioned costs on credit card charges (unallowed)
16-044	CR	DNA Peoples - [REDACTED]	5/18/2016	10/13/2016	703068	Mishandling of SSA attorney fees
16-043	CR	DNA Peoples - [REDACTED]	5/18/2016	11/1/2016	703068	Time and attendance fraud
17-001	CR	Legal Services Corporation - Laptop theft	10/13/2016	11/8/2016		Missing laptop

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