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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

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Re: FOIA-2009-00197 OIG Investigations

This is in response to your request dated October 23, 2008, under the Freedom of Information Act seeking access to a copy of all OIG investigations closed during the time period October 1, 2006 to the present. In accordance with the FOIA and agency policy, we have searched our records, as of November 05, 2008, the date we received your request in our FOIA office.

We have located three pages of responsive records, I am granting partial access to and am enclosing copies of, the accessible records. Portions of two pages fall within the exemptions to the FOIA's mandatory disclosure requirements, as explained below.

Some of the records were obtained on the condition that the agency keep the source of the information confidential and are exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 7(D), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(D). That exemption is intended to ensure that "confidential sources are not lost because of retaliation against the sources for past disclosures or because of the sources' fear of future disclosures." *Brant Constr. Co. v. EPA*, 778 F.2d 1258, 1262 (7th Cir. 1985).

In addition, some personal identifying information is exempt from release under FOIA Exemption (7)(C), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C). Individuals' right to privacy outweighs the general public's interest in seeing personal identifying information, and Exemption (7)(C) provides protection for law enforcement information the disclosure of which "could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

If you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you may appeal by writing to Freedom of Information Act Appeal, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20580, within 30 days of the date of this letter. Please enclose a copy of your original request and a copy of this response. If you believe that we should choose to disclose additional materials beyond what the FOIA requires, please explain why this would be in the public interest.

If you have any questions about the way we handled your request, or about our FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact Ani Hatza at (202) 326-2270.

Sincerely,

Joan E. Fina

Assistant General Counsel

Enclosed: List of IG Investigations (Three pages)

INVESTIGATION CASE FILES

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	File No.	Date Opened	Allegation(s)	Subject(s)	Originator(s)	Referral	DOJ Action	Adm. Action	Date Closed+ SAR#
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italics - allegation = Referred to OGE

BOLD & italics - subject = Financial Recovery Realized

* = Investigative Alert or Management Letter Issued

** = Prosecution

*** = No prosecution

07-137	10/12/06	Impersonation of FTC Official	Unknown	7(4)	None			12/14/07 (38)
07-138	11/14/06	Misuse of Government Travel Card	7(c)	7(d)	FTC			10/4/07 (38)
07-139	3/16/07	Misuse of Sensitive Database(s)	7(0)	7(d)	None			5/22/07 (37)
07-140	4/24/07	Unauthorized Disclosure of Nonpublic Information	Unknown	7(d)	None			12/12/07 (38)
07-141	4/30/07	Misuse of Government Computer	7(0)		FTC		pend- ing	9/5/07 (37)
07-142	6/11/07	Unauthorized Disclosure of Nonpublic Information	Unknown	7(d)	None			7/02/08 (39)
07-143	9/26/07	Misuse of Official Position	_7(4)	Anonymous				12/18/07 (39)
07-144	9/13/08	Fraudulent redress checks	unknown	7(d)	USPS	N/A	N/A	10/15/07 (40)
08-145	11/06/07	Misuse of Government Computer	7(0)	7(d)	FTC			2/12/08 (40)
08-146	3/31/08	Misuse of Government Resources		Anonymous	ongoing			

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08-147	3/31/08	Unauthorized disclosure of nonpublic information	Unknown	77. 47	ongoing	
08-148		[Intentionally Left Blank]				
08-149	7/15/08	Misuse of government resources	76		ongoing	9/24/08 (40)
08-150	7/22/08	Assault; improper relationship btwn contractor/employer; fraud	7(0)	md 12.8	ongoing	10/31/08 (40)

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