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January 7, 2021

VIA E-MAIL

RE: FOIA Request No. DOC-OIG-2021-000528

This letter is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, tracking number DOC-OIG-2021-000528, dated December 26, 2020 and received by the Department of Commerce, Office of Inspector General (OIG) on December 28, 2020, in which you seek a “copy of the listing of Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General Investigations CLOSED during Calendar Year 2020.”

A search of records maintained by the OIG has located two (2) pages that are responsive to your request. We have reviewed these pages under the terms of FOIA and have determined that all of the pages may be released to you in full.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2012 & Supp. V 2017). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification to all OIG requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You have the right to appeal this determination. Any appeal must be received within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of this response letter. An appeal may be sent by e-mail to FOIA@oig.doc.gov or by FOIAonline, if you have an account in FOIAonline, at <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/request>.

The appeal should include a copy of the original request and this letter. In addition, the appeal should include a statement of the reasons why you believe that the determination was in error. The appeal e-mail subject line should be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal”. The e-mail and FOIAonline are monitored only on working days during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday). FOIA appeals posted to the e-mail box and FOIAonline after normal business hours will be deemed received on the next normal business day. If the 90th calendar day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal public holiday, an appeal received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the next business day will be deemed timely. An appeal received after the 90-day limit will not be considered.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our office by email at foia@oig.doc.gov.

In addition, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

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8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
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E-mail at ogis@nara.gov
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Sincerely,
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Enclosures

ID	Disposition	Allegation	Date Closed
13-1234	I - Investigative Case	Contract Matters	11/16/2020
14-0433	I - Investigative Case	Contract Matters; Conflict of Interest Personal; False Claim; False Statement	10/01/2020
14-0480	I - Investigative Case	False Claim	03/09/2020
15-0419	I - Investigative Case	Grant Matters	02/26/2020
17-0062	I - Investigative Case	Misuse of Electronic Media (Govt Employee)	05/28/2020
17-0510	I - Investigative Case	Program Fraud	07/06/2020
17-1061	I - Investigative Case	Program Fraud	07/17/2020
17-1110	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest	09/01/2020
17-1166	I - Investigative Case	Contract Matters	03/12/2020
17-1285	I - Investigative Case	HR Matter	02/26/2020
17-1391	I - Investigative Case	Waste of Government Resources; Harassment or Hostile Work Environment; Misuse of GOV; Management Matters	10/27/2020
18-0298	I - Investigative Case	Grant Matters	11/16/2020
18-0749	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest	03/23/2020
18-0767	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest	05/26/2020
18-0948	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest	12/16/2020
18-1001	I - Investigative Case	Abuse of Official Position or Authority	05/11/2020
18-1082	I - Investigative Case	Contract Matters	02/26/2020
19-0063	I - Investigative Case	Program Issues; Abuse of Official Position or Authority	02/06/2020
19-0108	I - Investigative Case	Waste of Government Resources; Management Matters	10/21/2020
19-0240	I - Investigative Case	False Claim; Grant Matters	07/01/2020
19-0373	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest; Time and Attendance Issue	07/02/2020
19-0393	I - Investigative Case	Time and Attendance Issue	10/26/2020
19-0425	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest	04/02/2020
19-0529	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest	10/01/2020
19-0690	W - Whistleblower	Whistleblower Reprisal	05/20/2020
19-0721	W - Whistleblower	Whistleblower Reprisal	06/24/2020
19-0857	W - Whistleblower	Whistleblower Reprisal	07/08/2020
19-0869	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest	05/26/2020
19-0917	I - Investigative Case	Whistleblower Reprisal; Contract Matters	11/03/2020
19-0962	P - Preliminary Investigation	Other DOC Related Allegation	01/29/2020
19-1045	P - Preliminary Investigation	Other DOC Related Allegation	02/19/2020
20-0026	P - Preliminary Investigation	Grant Matters	03/02/2020
20-0093	P - Preliminary Investigation	Grant Matters	05/05/2020
20-0781	W - Whistleblower	Extortion; Whistleblower Reprisal	07/22/2020

20-0805	P - Preliminary Investigation	Whistleblower Reprisal; Program Fraud	12/31/2020
20-0808	P - Preliminary Investigation	Conflict of Interest; Contract Matters	12/17/2020