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January 17, 2023

VIA E-MAIL

RE: FOIA Request No. DOC-OIG-2023-000602

This letter is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, tracking number DOC-OIG-2023-000602, received by the Department of Commerce, Office of Inspector General (OIG) on December 20, 2022, in which you seek “a copy of the listing of Office of Inspector General investigations (not audits) closed during calendar years 2021 and 2022, to include fields such as the case number, the date the investigation was closed, the title or subject of the investigation, the category or type of investigation, etc.”

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© (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. Please address any appeal to the following office:

Counsel to the Inspector General  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Office of Inspector General, Office of Counsel  
14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Room 7898C  
Washington, D.C. 20230

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An appeal may also be sent by e-mail to [FOIA@oig.doc.gov](mailto: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 letter, the envelope, and the e-mail subject line should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." The e-mail account 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 account 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 the analyst who processed your request, Laura Main, by telephone at (202) 794-8066 or by email at [foia@oig.doc.gov](mailto:foia@oig.doc.gov). You may also contact me, the OIG FOIA Public Liaison at:

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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:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001  
E-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
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Sincerely,  
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Enclosures

ID	Disposition	Allegation	Date Closed
11-0345	I - Investigative Case	Brbery/Gratuity/Kickbacks; Conspiracy	11/03/2021
16-0173	I - Investigative Case	Contract Matters	07/13/2021
16-0351	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest	12/16/2021
16-0761	I - Investigative Case	Contract Matters	10/29/2021
16-0995	I - Investigative Case	Contract Matters	05/16/2022
16-1504	I - Investigative Case	Contract Matters	08/12/2021
17-0068	I - Investigative Case	Contract Matters	11/01/2021
17-0202	I - Investigative Case	Misuse of Govt Property (Other); Cyber-Crime	01/07/2022
17-0256	I - Investigative Case	Contract Matters; Extortion	04/12/2021
17-0686	I - Investigative Case	Funds Control or Reprogramming Issue; Management Matters; Conflict of Interest	05/03/2022
17-0817	I - Investigative Case	Contract Matters	07/23/2021
17-0878	I - Investigative Case	Contract Matters	10/27/2022
17-1074	I - Investigative Case	Other DOC Related Allegation	12/14/2021
17-1409	I - Investigative Case	Contract Matters	09/13/2021
18-0527	I - Investigative Case	Contract Matters	04/08/2021
18-0688	I - Investigative Case	Contract Matters	07/01/2022
18-0765	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest	11/09/2021
18-0766	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest	02/04/2022
18-0892	I - Investigative Case	Grant Matters	12/21/2021
18-0964	I - Investigative Case	Management Matters	12/01/2021
19-0095	I - Investigative Case	Contract Matters	05/10/2022
19-0241	I - Investigative Case	Grant Matters	12/08/2022
19-0315	I - Investigative Case	False Claim	01/25/2021
19-0353	I - Investigative Case	Hatch Act Violation; Management Matters	02/25/2021
19-0412	I - Investigative Case	Abuse of Official Position or Authority; Misuse of GOV	06/01/2021
19-0430	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest	11/01/2021
19-0681	I - Investigative Case	Contract Matters	04/01/2021
19-0714	I - Investigative Case	Management Matters; Abuse of Official Position or Authority	01/04/2022
19-0728	I - Investigative Case	False Statement; Other DOC Related Allegation	07/21/2021
19-0729	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest	05/13/2021
19-0804	W - Whistleblower	HR Matter	05/26/2022
19-0898	I - Investigative Case	False Claim	06/10/2021
20-0066	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest	06/07/2022
20-0089	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest; Public Corruption	12/03/2021
20-0096	I - Investigative Case	Abuse of Official Position or Authority; Misuse of GOV	06/10/2021
20-0130	I - Investigative Case	Antitrust	11/01/2021
20-0230	I - Investigative Case	Abuse of Official Position or Authority	06/07/2021
20-0279	I - Investigative Case	False Claim	08/18/2022
20-0291	W - Whistleblower	Harassment or Hostile Work Environment	01/28/2022
20-0300	I - Investigative Case	Funds Control or Reprogramming Issue	06/21/2021
20-0304	I - Investigative Case	Other DOC Related Allegation	04/01/2021
20-0319	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest	05/20/2021
20-0353	I - Investigative Case	Grant Matters; Conflict of Interest; Program Fraud; Management Matters	10/26/2021
20-0396	I - Investigative Case	False Claim	12/13/2022
20-0406	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest	11/15/2021
20-0689	I - Investigative Case	Conflict of Interest	11/09/2021
20-0722	W - Whistleblower	Contract Matters	07/02/2021
20-0978	I - Investigative Case	Grant Matters	07/13/2021
20-1084	I - Investigative Case	Hindering or Obstruction; Management Matters	02/25/2021

