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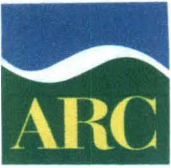
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May 2, 2012

I was not here at the time, but enclosed is the response to the April 8, 2010, request from Senators Coburn and Grassley. Our records do not reflect any additional responses on these issues.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hubert Sparks". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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May 18, 2010

Hon. CHARLES E. GRASSLEY,
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Hon. TOM COBURN,
Ranking Member,
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations,
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DEAR SENATORS GRASSLEY AND COBURN:

This letter is in response to your letter of April 8, 2010 requesting information about instances of agency non-cooperation with OIG oversight activities, and your request for biannual reports on investigations, evaluations, and audits concluded but not disclosed to the public. The third topic of your letter was a continuing request to inform you of any impediment to our communication with Congress by any federal official. We have addressed each of these requests in the following paragraph.

Regarding agency non-cooperation with OIG oversight activities, we have not encountered any resistance to our oversight activities. Management has been fully cooperative and provided all access requested. Regarding your requests for biannual reports of investigations, evaluations and audits concluded, but not made public. All activities were disclosed to the public- no reports are attached. Concerning your third request to be advised about impediments to our communication with Congress by a federal official, we have not encountered this problem. However, as requested, we will immediately notify you should this occur.

If you or your staff have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (202) 884-7675.

Sincerely,

CLIFFORD H. JENNINGS,
Inspector General