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Description of document: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) records provided to Senator Charles E. Grassley and Senator Tom Coburn concerning the independence of Inspectors General necessary to promote efficiency and prevent fraud, waste and abuse in agency programs, in response to the Senators' inquiry, 2011-2012

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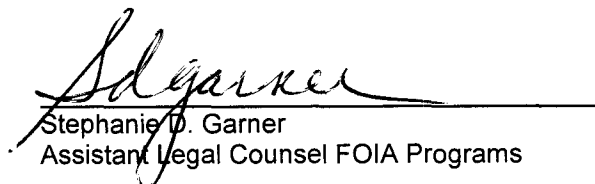
**Re: FOIA No.: 820-2012-159854**

Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in this office on April 26, 2012 has been processed. Our search began on April 26, 2012. All agency records in creation as of April 26, 2012 are within the scope of the EEOC's search for responsive records. The paragraph(s) checked below apply:

- A portion of your request is neither granted nor denied because:  Your request does not reasonably describe the records you wish disclosed or  No records fitting the description of the records you seek disclosed exist or could be located after a thorough search. The remainder of your request is:
- Granted
  - Denied pursuant to the subsections of the FOIA indicated at the end of this letter. An attachment to this letter explains the use of these exemptions in more detail.
  - Granted in part and denied in part. Portions not released are being withheld pursuant to the subsections of the FOIA indicated at the end of this letter. An attachment to this letter explains the use of these exemptions in more detail.
- Your request is granted.
- Your request is denied pursuant to the subsections of the FOIA indicated at the end of this letter. An attachment to this letter explains the use of these exemptions in more detail.
- Your request is granted in part and denied in part. Portions not released are being withheld pursuant to the subsections of the FOIA indicated at the end of this letter. An attachment to this letter explains the use of these exemptions in more detail.
- You must send a check for \$[ ] made payable to the United States Treasurer by mail to the above address. Manual search and review time is billed per quarter hour based on the personnel category of the person conducting the search. Fees for search services range from \$5.00 per quarter hour to \$20.00 per quarter hour. Direct costs are billed for computer searches and in certain other circumstances. Photocopying is billed at \$.15 per page. 29 C.F.R. §1610.15. The attached Comments page will further explain any direct costs assessed. The fee has been computed as follows:
- Commercial use requests:  pages of photocopying;  quarter hour(s) of  review time; and  quarter hour(s) of  search time; Direct costs are billed in the amount of  for .

- Requests by educational or noncommercial scientific institutions or representatives of the news media:  pages of photocopying. The first 100 pages are provided free of charge.
- All other requests:  pages of photocopying and  quarter hour(s) of  search time. Direct costs are billed in the amount of  for . The first 100 pages and 2 hours of search time are provided free of charge.
- The disclosed records are enclosed. No fee is charged because the cost of collecting and processing the chargeable fee equals or exceeds the amount of the fee. 29 C.F.R. § 1610.15(d).
- The disclosed records are enclosed. Photocopying and search fees have been waived pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 1610.14.
- You may appeal this decision by writing within thirty days of receipt of this letter to the Office of Legal Counsel, FOIA Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 131 M Street, N.E., Suite 5NW02E, Washington, D.C. 20507. Your appeal will be governed by 29 C.F.R. § 1610.11.
- See attached Comments page for further information.

Sincerely,

  
 Stephanie D. Garner  
 Assistant Legal Counsel FOIA Programs

Applicable Sections of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b):

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**Re: FOIA No.: 820-2012-159854**

Comments

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. You request a copy of each biannual response to Senators Charles E. Grassley and Tom Coburn regarding their April 8, 2010, request to EEOC OIG to provide a summary of the non-public management advisories and closed investigations. Your request has been granted.

Attached for your review are the responses from OIG regarding your request dated June 9, 2010 (1 page) and December 9, 2011 (1 page).

We hope this information has been helpful to you.



U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20507

Office of  
Inspector General

December 9, 2011

*Release*

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510-1501

The Honorable Tom Coburn, Ranking Member  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee  
172 Russell Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Grassley and Coburn:

This is in response to your April 8, 2010, request for semiannual reports concerning information on attempts by departments/agencies to prevent, delay, or otherwise impede the activities of Inspectors General. A review of our records indicates there were no Agency efforts to prevent or hinder OIG activities. In addition, there are no closed investigations, audits, or evaluations that have not been disclosed to the public. Our reporting period covers and includes April 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011.

Anna Middlebrook, Acting Counsel to the Inspector General is available to answer any questions regarding this submission. She may be reached at (202) 663-4881 or via email at [anna.middlebrook@eoc.gov](mailto:anna.middlebrook@eoc.gov). I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Milton A. Mayo Jr.", followed by a horizontal line.

Milton A. Mayo Jr.  
Inspector General

Enclosure



U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION  
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Office of  
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June 9, 2010

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510-1501

The Honorable Tom Coburn, Ranking Member  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee  
172 Russell Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Grassley and Coburn:

This is in response to your April 8, 2010, letter requesting information on attempts by departments/agencies to prevent, delay, or otherwise impede OIG activities. You also requested that we provide biannual reports, covering the period January 1, 2009, through April 30, 2010, on any closed OIG investigations, audits, and evaluations that have not been disclosed to the public. Finally, you requested a courtesy copy of our response to Representative Darrell Issa's March 24, 2010, request for information on outstanding recommendations that have not been fully implemented.

A review of our records indicates there were no Agency efforts to prevent or hinder OIG activities. In addition, there are no closed investigations, audits, or evaluations that have not been disclosed to the public.

We have enclosed a copy of the information on outstanding recommendations that have not been fully implemented.

Senior Evaluator Larkin Jennings is available to answer any questions regarding this submission. He may be reached at (202) 663-4391 or via email at [larkin.jennings@eeoc.gov](mailto:larkin.jennings@eeoc.gov). I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Milton Mayo Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Milton A. Mayo Jr.  
Acting Inspector General

Enclosure