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This letter responds to your May 21, 2012, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE). You requested copies of the CIGIE Guidelines on Undercover Operations, dated June 2010, and the CIGIE Procedures to Obtain Assistance from Another OIG in the Execution of Search and Arrest Warrants, dated November 15, 2010.

We are releasing two pages of responsive records. Pursuant to FOIA, certain information has been redacted as it is exempt from release. Specifically, information that could disclose guidelines for law enforcement procedures and could reasonably be expected to pose a risk of circumvention of law was redacted under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(E). In addition, we withheld 21 pages in full under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(E). We have enclosed a brief explanation of the FOIA exemptions.

You have the right to appeal CIGIE's response by writing to the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, 1717 H Street NW., Suite 825, Washington, D.C. 20006-3900. Your appeal must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter. The outside of the envelope should be clearly marked "FOIA APPEAL."

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Documents/exemptions list

PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE FROM ANOTHER OIG IN THE EXECUTION OF SEARCH AND ARREST WARRANTS

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide procedures through which willing Federal Offices of Inspector General may seek and obtain additional manpower for the execution of search and/or arrest warrants.

II. Background

On June 28, 2010, the Attorney General issued Order No. 3168-2010, which authorized

special agents of each Office of Inspector General ("OIG") otherwise authorized to exercise powers under subsection 6(e)(1)(C) of the IG Act, when loaned to another OIG whose Inspector General ("IG") is also otherwise authorized to exercise powers under subsection 6(e)(1)(C) of the IG Act, to seek and execute warrants issued under the authority of the United States for arrest, search of a premises, or seizure of evidence.

The Order authorizes such assistance only for "supporting a specified search or arrest operation," and for no other investigative activity, and states that the "duration of the assistance shall be agreed upon by both IGs and generally should not exceed five days."

The Order also states that "assistance provided by one IG to another ... must comply with procedures to be established by the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency."

III. Procedures

