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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Jon T. Rymer
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Defense
Office of Inspector General
4800 Mark Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22350-1500

Dear Inspector General Rymer:

Thank you for your letter dated December 29, 2015, responding to the Committee's semiannual reporting request for information concerning investigations closed but not disclosed to the public, during the period ending on September 30, 2015. Two of these cases substantiated allegations of whistleblower reprisal: one case involved reprisal for making lawful communication to an Inspector General (20141020-028203-CASE-01) and the second involved reprisal for reporting inappropriate sexual contact to officials within the whistleblower's chain of command (20150309-030277-CASE-01). Reportedly, corrective action is pending in both cases.

In addition to these cases, you noted that your office closed one criminal investigation where misconduct was found, but no prosecution was pursued, involving GS-15 level or above employees. In this case, a joint investigation by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations found that several Senior Executive Service and GS-15 employees failed to follow administrative procurement rules. Despite this finding, you reported that the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Pennsylvania declined prosecution and that the Air Force declined to take administrative action to suspend or debar the individuals involved.

Please provide this Committee with non-redacted copies of the Report of Investigation for all three of these cases by January 29, 2016. Should you have any questions, please contact Jay Lim of my Committee Staff at (202) 225-5225. Thank you for your continued cooperation with this Committee's requests.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary