



June 11, 2014

The Honorable Claire McCaskill
Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6250

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

This is in reference to your letter dated April 23, 2014, cosigned by Senator Ron Johnson, to the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE). Your letter transmitted your Subcommittee's bipartisan investigation report relating to allegations of misconduct by former Department of Homeland Security Acting and Deputy Inspector General Charles Edwards. The Subcommittee's investigation found that Mr. Edwards jeopardized the independence of the Office of Inspector General and that he abused agency resources. Additionally, the Subcommittee found that some allegations were not substantiated, and in some instances the Subcommittee was unable to reach a determination on an allegation.

We have conveyed your letter and report to the CIGIE Integrity Committee (IC) for review and consideration as part of its inquiry relating to allegations of wrongdoing by Mr. Edwards. Upon completion of the IC's investigative process, representatives of the IC will brief you on the results of the investigation.

We appreciate your interest in the Inspector General community and the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. Should you or your staff have questions regarding this response, please have your staff call CIGIE's Executive Director, Mr. Mark Jones, at (202) 292-2600.

A similar letter is being sent to Senator Johnson.

Sincerely,

Phyllis K. Fong
Chairperson