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Subject: Withholding of CIGIE IC FOIA Records to "Mask" Criminal CIGIE IC Misconduct
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1. As a federal whistleblower, I remain gravely concerned that Establishment & Designated Federal Entity Inspectors General, in charge of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity & Efficiency (CIGIE), have obstructed justice by refusing to acknowledge, process, or deliver FOIA information for [827-Days] on CIGIE FOIA [6330-2019-61]:

2. The FOIA request directly contributes to public understanding of CIGIE Integrity Committee (IC) and Allegation Review Group (ARG) operations specifically in dealing with federal whistleblower reports of wrongdoing disclosed through safe channels against Inspector General (IG) "Designated Agency Staff" [1] enjoying "protected" membership in the CIGIE and political appointees requiring Presidential Appointment with Senate Confirmation (PAS).

3. The FOIA requested documents in regard to the CIGIE IC refusal to initiate investigation mandated by statute [5 U.S.C. Sec. 1213(c)(1)] that included consideration of the findings and requests of an oversight review by **Senator Charles E. Grassley** regarding DoD IG senior official criminal misconduct by **Lynne M. Halbrooks** (Former Acting DoD IG), and **James E. Ives** (Current Deputy, Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO)) into criminal obstruction of the Federal investigative process to shield Secretary of Defense **Leon E. Panetta** in regard to release by **Leon E. Panetta** of classified information to Hollywood movie producers, making the film Zero Dark Thirty, that endangered the lives of SEAL Team 6 members who had killed Osama bin Laden.

3. The orchestrated CIGIE Inspector General criminal obstruction of federal whistleblower John R. Crane's CIGIE IC FOIA [6330-2019-61] is detailed below:

ARBITRARY & CAPRICIOUS WITHHOLDING OF CIGIE IC RECORDS TO HIDE CRIMINAL WRONGDOING Violation of 5 USC (552; 18 USC (242; 18 USC (1344; 18 USC (5356); 5 USC (1212(a)(3); 5 USC (1215(a)(1)(B); 5 USC (1216(a)(3))					
FOIA Demand for CIGIE Integrity Committee (IC) Opinions, Records, & Proceedings 1505					
Date	Actor	Agency	FOIA #	Subject	Mode
29 Jul 2019	John R. Crane	Federal Whistleblower	TBD	Demand for CIGIE IC Opinions, Records, & Proceedings	Letter
29 Jul 2019	Jeanette M. Howard	DOJ IG	6330-2019-61	Register FOIA request for CIGIE IC records	FOIA Request 29 Jul 2019 same day letter sent
31 Jul 2019	John R. Crane	Federal Whistleblower	6330-2019-61	CIGIE IC Records FOIA Misconduct	E-mail Wed, 31 Jul 2019 5:02PM
13 Aug 2019	Jeanette M. Howard	DOJ IG	6330-2019-61	Confirmation of FOIA Request	Email 13 Aug 2019 11:20 AM
13 Aug 2019	Michael E. Horowitz	DOJ IG	6330-2019-61	CIGIE Attempt to Recall: DOJ IG Email 13 Aug 2019 11:20 AM	DOJ IG Michael E. Horowitz attempting to withhold FOIA information as DOJ IG/CIGIE Chairperson involving his CIGIE IC leadership
13 Aug 2019	John R. Crane	Federal Whistleblower	6330-2019-61	Disclosure [5 (2302)(B)(3)] on criminal wrongdoing [18 USC (242); DOJ IG Michael E. Horowitz attempt to "silence" registered & perfected CIGIE FOIA, held by DOJ IG, in his capacity as the CIGIE (IC) Record Custodian [5a IG Act (1104)(3)] via CIGIE Chief FOIA Officer Mark L. Greenblatt (DOJ IG)	Email 13 Aug 2019 14:33 PM
18 Nov 2021	UTC Elizabeth Sweetland USAO JAG (Wash.)	CIGIE FOIA Public Liaison to CIGIE Chief FOIA Officer Atticus L. Reasor	6330-2019-61	Stated Claim: "CIGIE Closed FOIA 10330-2019-61 on 12 Mar 2021 [827-Days] who producing or delivering records nor contacting whistleblower with results	CIGIE Email 18 Nov 2021 10:12 PM

4. With respect to your response on CIGIE FOIA [6330-2022-07] you note, the scope of the request [6330-2022-07], as currently worded, appears quite similar to the original FOIA request [6330-2019-61] which CIGIE **allegedly closed** on 22 March 2021 without: (1) acknowledgment of the FOIA request; (2) grant of the FOIA request; (3) adverse determination of the FOIA request; (4) nor content of denial of the FOIA request. This collaborative CIGIE IC/DOJ IG effort at best reflects gross mismanagement of the CIGIE FOIA program; and, at worse, outright criminal misconduct aimed at "protecting" members of the CIGIE from criminal accountability.

5. In addition to immediately producing FOIA [6330-2019-61] records, I demand immediate response to address a clear breakdown in the CIGIE FOIA program with appropriate notification to your Congressional oversight committees and members to include Senators **Charles E. Grassley**, **Joshua D. Hawley** and **Ted Cruz** on the loss of CIGIE FOIA program integrity and potential criminal involvement of "protected" CIGIE members in criminal misconduct to include: **Michael E. Horowitz**; **Allison C. Lerner** and **Mark L. Greenblatt**.

V/r

John R. Crane

[1] Inspector General Act of 1978 as amended (P.L. 95-452) §11(d)(4)(c). Each Inspector General (IG) both Establishment & Designated Federal Entity (DFE) Shall annually submit to the Chairperson of the CIGIE Integrity

Committee (IC) a designation of positions whose holders are direct report staff members to the Inspector General (IG). See: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/5a/compiledact-95-452>

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