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**Subject:** Re your allegations  
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Mr. Crane,

We have received and reviewed the documents you provided to our office, the allegations you have made, and have spoken with both Office of Special Counsel (OSC) and Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) Integrity Committee (IC) to better understand their decision making processes with respect to your allegations. This was a thorough review to determine if any party acted inappropriately in how it handled your allegations. Unfortunately, we have been unable to substantiate your allegations based on the materials provided to our office.

It is our understanding that the Department of Justice (DoJ) Office of Inspector General (DoJ OIG) conducted an independent investigation of how the Department of Defense Office (DoD) and the Inspector General (DoD OIG) handled your allegations. The DoJ OIG report stated that it was unable to substantiate, or definitively conclude in the affirmative, the allegations you made of wrongdoing at DoD OIG.

Further, we found no indication that the OSC intentionally, or wrongfully, deviated from its statutory requirements. Although OSC took quite some time to reach a substantial likelihood determination on your allegations, it appears that this was due to an ongoing production of documents provided to OSC, which contributed significantly to its delayed decision making process. Once OSC received all of the documents, it made a substantial likelihood determination and made the appropriate referral.

The allegations you raised to our office have been reviewed, in some capacity or in full, by DoJ OIG, OSC, CIGIE IC, and the Public Integrity Section of the DoJ. As you are aware, Congress is not in a position to initiate or participate in criminal investigations. However, if, in the course of a Congressional oversight investigation criminal wrongdoing is uncovered, Congress can make criminal referrals to the Department of Justice for consideration for prosecution. We have found no indication of criminal wrongdoing on behalf of the alleged parties.

We thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

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Best Regards,

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