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MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

audits, inspections, testimony, and special activities

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Office of Audits

OPM Application of Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUD/FM-03-02)

Application of Agreed-Upon Procedures: Retirement, Health Benefits, and Life Insurance Withholdings/Contributions and Supplemental Semiannual Headcount Report Submitted to the Office of Personnel Management.

Under OIG's direction, Leonard G. Birnbaum and Company, LLP, (LGB) performed required procedures solely to assist the Office of Personnel Management in assessing the reasonableness of Retirement, Health Benefits, and Life Insurance withholdings and contributions as well as enrollment information submitted by the Department of State via the Semiannual Headcount Report. No material differences were noted. However, LGB identified several instances in which the Department did not have required forms on file to support employee life insurance elections.

Office of Security and Intelligence Oversight

During this reporting period, OIG security oversight inspection reports were published for the following embassies: Amman, Jordan; Apia, Samoa; and Cotonou, Benin.