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May 14, 2007

The Honorable John D. Dingell
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in response to your request for information concerning the status of an investigation by the Integrity Committee (IC) of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) of allegations concerning Johnnie Frazier, Inspector General (IG), Department of Commerce (DOC), and for a briefing to your Committee staff regarding the matter.

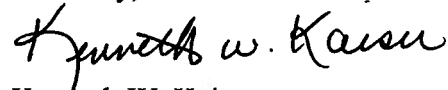
Under Executive Order (EO) 12993, the IC is charged with reviewing complaints made against an IG and in certain circumstances senior staff members of an Office of Inspector General. The mandate limits action to those for which the IC determines there is a substantial likelihood the complaint discloses a violation of law, rule or regulation, or gross mismanagement, gross waste of funds, or abuse of authority by an IG or senior staff member acting with the knowledge of the IG.

In October, 2006, the IC reviewed a number of allegations against IG Frazier for violations of the federal travel regulations and time and attendance regulations. The IC's review of this matter is ongoing and it has not provided a report to the Chairman of the President's Council of Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE). Consistent with our practice, we believe it is premature to provide a briefing for Committee staff. We stand ready to provide such a briefing when the IC review is complete, the matter is presented to the Chairman of the PCIE for consideration, and final disposition taken by the PCIE Chairman.

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In closing, I want to assure you the IC shares your concern regarding this matter and is appropriately exercising its authority under Executive Order 12993. Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,



Kenneth W. Kaiser

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