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**Comptroller General
of the United States**

**United States Government Accountability Office
Washington, DC 20548**

April 5, 2006

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
United States Senate

The Honorable Howard L. Berman
U.S. House of Representatives

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 3, 2006, regarding the recent New York Times article and Subrata Ghoshroy's December 19, 2005 letter to Congressman Berman. We have advised all applicable GAO personnel of your interest in this matter and have instructed them to retain all related records. We stand ready to respond to related questions.

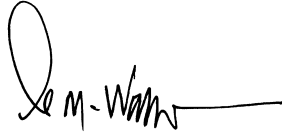
Unfortunately, we were never provided a copy of Mr. Ghoshroy's recent letter which Congressman Berman evidently posted to his web site on April 2, 2006. As a result, we have obtained a copy from Congressman Berman's web site. We are in the process of analyzing the letter and I will respond to assertions or speculations made by Mr. Ghoshroy under separate cover within the next two weeks. Our preliminary review has already revealed several factual errors and misstatements contained in his December letter.

I can assure you that we have no intention of retaliating against Mr. Ghoshroy or any other individual in connection with information provided to the Congress. At the same time, Mr. Ghoshroy and all other GAO employees are subject to the same professional, ethical and agency rules and requirements during their employment with GAO.

Candidly, I am perplexed by Mr. Ghoshroy's actions because I have taken all of his concerns very seriously and it has been almost two years since he last attempted to communicate with me on this issue. I and others have already dedicated a significant amount of time and taxpayer resources to addressing Mr. Ghoshroy's and others concerns with this over four year old report. We look forward to putting this issue behind us in the very near future. We need to begin to focus our time and limited resources on the many serious challenges facing the Congress and the country.

I look forward to responding to you again in the near future. In the interim, I am enclosing a copy of my Letter to the Editor in connection with the April 2 article in the New York Times.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. M. Walker", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David M. Walker
Comptroller General
of the United States

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable John Warner, Chairman
Committee on Armed Services, United States Senate
The Honorable Carl Levin, Ranking Minority Member
Committee on Armed Services, United States Senate
The Honorable Susan M. Collins, Chair
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman, Ranking Minority Member
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The Honorable George V. Voinovich, Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal
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The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka, Ranking Minority Member
Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal
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The Honorable Duncan Hunter, Chairman
Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives
The Honorable Ike Skelton, Ranking Minority Member
Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives
The Honorable Tom Davis, Chairman
Committee on Government Reform
The Honorable Henry Waxman, Ranking Minority Member
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