



Smithsonian Institution

Board of Regents June 26, 2006

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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-6200

Dear Chairman Grassley:

Thank you for copying me and the other Smithsonian Regents on your letter of June 9, 2006, to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

It is apparent from informal discussions with several other members of the Board of Regents and the Secretary of the Smithsonian that there is broad support for changing the reporting relationship of the Inspector General of the Smithsonian. We believe it would be appropriate for the Inspector General to report to and be appointed by the Board of Regents and, in particular, the Audit and Review Committee of the Board. Of course, the Inspector General at the Smithsonian has always had access to the Board of Regents. Indeed, the Inspector General regularly meets in executive session with the Audit and Review Committee.

We intend to bring this matter up at the September meeting of the Board of Regents and have a formal vote then. In the interim, we will be consulting with the Office of Management and Budget on this change.

Thank you for your continued interest in the governance of the Smithsonian.

Sincerely,

Roger W. Sant
Chairman, Executive Committee and Audit and Review Committee
Board of Regents
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cc: The Honorable Rob Portman
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