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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request 2009-000116

Dear Mr. Talley:

This is in further response to your request for information that you sent to the Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552. You asked for all correspondence between Secretary Chu and DOE's Inspector General office since his appointment, including but not limited to issues regarding loan guarantees.

In a letter dated, March 5, 2009, OIG informed you that a search of its files was conducted for responsive documents to your request; however, the search did not locate any responsive documents.

On March 30, 2009, the DOE's Office of Executive Secretariat within the Office of Management (MA) informed you it conducted a search of their Electronic Document Online Correspondence and Concurrence System. The search of MA electronic system located two OIG documents as responsive to your request. MA referred the documents back to the OIG for final processing. The OIG has completed its review of the responsive documents and a determination concerning their release has been made pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552. The enclosed documents are released in their entirety. With regards to the documents located by MA, these are publicly available OIG Audit reports which can be attained through the Internet at the following address: http://www.ig.energy.gov.

However, after the OIG became aware of these documents, we initiated another search of our files and again did not locate any responsive documents.

You may challenge the adequacy of this search for responsive documents by submitting a written appeal to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1/L'Enfant Plaza Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, DC 20585-1615. You should submit the appeal within 30 calendar days of receipt of this determination.

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The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that FOIA appeal is being made. The appeal must contain all the elements required by Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1004.8 to the extent applicable. Judicial review will thereafter be available to you (1) in the district where you reside, (2) where you have your principal place of business, (3) where the DOE records are situated or (4) in the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

for Linda Snider
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Enclosures