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Mr. Herbert Richardson
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Dear Mr. Richardson:

REVIEW OF REMEDIATION RELATING TO THE REPORT ON THE QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT REVIEW OF THE INVESTIGATIVE OPERATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR AFGHANISTAN RECONSTRUCTION (SIGAR) (DRAFT)

As you know, two of the original reviewers re-visited SIGAR's offices in Arlington, Virginia, January 3 -5, 2011, in response to the request of former Inspector General Arnold Fields to the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), dated October 29, 2010, that a follow-up review be conducted of SIGAR's Investigations Directorate. This follow-up review was to determine whether SIGAR had corrected the ten reportable findings made during a CIGIE-sponsored review of the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative function in effect for the period ending April 16, 2010. More generally, the review was to determine whether SIGAR's remedial efforts relating specifically to the ten reportable findings have resulted in compliance with the *Attorney General Guidelines for Offices of Inspector General with Statutory Law Enforcement Authority* (2003), and the PCIE/ECIE *Qualitative Standards for Investigations* (December, 2003).

While in the peer review we found that SIGAR was not in compliance during the period of review with the *Attorney General Guidelines for Offices of Inspector General With Statutory Law Enforcement Authority* (2003), and the PCIE/ECIE *Qualitative Standards for Investigations* (December, 2003), the review team nevertheless concluded that the implementation of new policies and procedures along with remediation of the findings were likely to result in full compliance "in the near future and in all likelihood in less than six months".

Following the January 3 -5 onsite, the reviewers concluded that SIGAR's remedial efforts have brought the Investigations Directorate into compliance with the *Attorney General Guidelines for Offices of Inspector General with Statutory Law Enforcement Authority* (2003), and the PCIE/ECIE *Quality Standards for Investigations* (December, 2003).

As we previously advised General Fields by letter dated November 9, 2010, the focused, limited-scope remedial review does not qualify as a separate external peer review of your investigations component. A peer review, governed by the CIGIE *Qualitative Assessment*

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Review Guidelines for Federal Offices of Inspector General (May 2009) and based on the requirements in the PCIE/ECIE *Quality Standards for Investigations* (December 2003) and applicable *Attorney General Guidelines* is a backward-looking review, requiring a peer review team to examine and opine on the investigation component's system of quality control over a period of time. Peer reviews generally cover a one-year period to ensure that there are sufficient investigative reports, policies, and systems to review and test for compliance and arrive at an opinion.

SIGAR is scheduled for a full-scope investigations peer review in May-Jun-Jul 2013.

This draft report is being forwarded to the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to applicable law for action he may deem appropriate.

Yours very truly,



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Chair, Investigations Committee
Council of the Inspectors General
on Integrity and Efficiency

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