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The Honorable Glenn A. Fine  
Inspector General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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Dear Mr. Fine:

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Inspector General, has reviewed the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative function of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General (DOJ/OIG), in effect for the period ending September 30, 2009. Our review was conducted in conformity with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) Quality Standards for Investigators, the Quality Assessment Review guidelines established by CIGIE, and the Attorney General's Guidelines for Office of Inspectors General with Statutory Enforcement Authority, as applicable.

We reviewed compliance with DOJ/OIG's system of internal policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. The review was conducted at the DOJ/OIG Headquarters Office in Washington, DC, and at two field offices, Dallas and Washington. Additionally, we sampled 30 case files for investigations that had been closed during the previous 12-month period.

In performing our review, we have given consideration to the prerequisites of Section 6(e) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (as amended) and Section 812 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Pub.L. 107-296). Those documents authorize law enforcement powers for eligible personnel of each of the various offices of presidentially appointed Inspectors General. Those powers may be exercised only for activities authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, other statutes, or as expressly authorized by the Attorney General.

In our opinion, the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative function of DOJ/OIG in effect for the year ended September 30, 2009, is in full compliance with the quality standards established by CIGIE and the Attorney General's guidelines. These safeguards and procedures provide reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards in the conduct of its investigations.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Levinson  
Inspector General