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The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz  
Inspector General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of the Inspector General  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 4706  
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SUBJECT: Report on the Quality Assessment Review of the Investigative Operations of the  
U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General

Dear Mr. Horowitz:

We have reviewed the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative operations of the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (DOJ OIG) in effect February 1, 2013, to December 31, 2016. 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 the CIGIE, and the Attorney General's Guidelines for the 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, D.C., and at three regional offices. Additionally, we reviewed 32 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 IG Act, 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 February 1, 2013, to December 31, 2016, is in compliance with the quality standards established by the CIGIE and the Attorney General's guidelines. These safeguards and procedures provide reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards in the planning, execution, and reporting of its investigations.

Sincerely,

Glenn A. Fine  
Acting Inspector General