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The Honorable John R. Kasich
Chairman
Committee on the Budget
House of Representatives

Subject: Inspectors General: Information on Resources and Selected Accomplishments of 18 Inspectors General

Dear Mr. Chairman:

You requested that we provide information about the resources and selected accomplishments of inspectors general (IG) at 18 federal departments and agencies, which are listed in enclosure 1. Specifically, you requested information for fiscal years 1992 through 1999 on (1) reported actual obligations, (2) reported actual number of full-time equivalent staff, (3) reported questioned costs, (4) reported funds to be put to better use, (5) reported investigative recoveries, and (6) reported number of reports issued.

We obtained the most recent information available from the *Budget of the United States Government* and obtained from the IGs the information provided in their semiannual reports. As agreed with your office, we did not verify the information presented in enclosure 2.

We requested comments on a draft of this letter from officials in the 18 IG offices. These officials generally agreed with the information in this letter. They also provided clarifying comments that we have incorporated into our report as appropriate. Please contact me at (202) 512-9489, or Jackson Hufnagle at (202) 512-9470, if you or your staff have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely yours,

David L. Clark
Director, Audit Oversight and Liaison

Enclosures

**Offices of Inspectors General at
Selected Departments and Agencies**

Agency for International Development (AID)
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
General Services Administration (GSA)
Department of Agriculture (Agriculture)
Department of Commerce (Commerce)
Department of Defense (DOD)
Department of Education (Education)
Department of Energy (DOE)
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Department of the Interior (DOI)
Department of Justice (DOJ)
Department of Labor (DOL)
Department of State (State)
Department of the Treasury (Treasury)
Department of the Treasury, Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA)
Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

**Information on Resources and Selected Accomplishments
of 18 Inspectors General**

Table 1: Reported Actual IG Obligations for Fiscal Years 1992 Through 1999
(Dollars in millions)

| Department/Agency | FY 1992 | FY 1993 | FY 1994 | FY 1995 | FY 1996 | FY 1997 | FY 1998 | FY 1999 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| AID | 37 | 39 | 39 | 36 | 31 | 30 | 32 | 29 |
| EPA | 39 | 39 | 41 | 42 | 42 | 40 | 44 | 41 |
| GSA | 34 | 35 | 35 | 33 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 32 |
| Agriculture | 62 | 64 | 67 | 64 | 66 | 65 | 66 | 68 |
| Commerce | 16 | 16 | 18 | 22 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| DOD | 120 | 126 | 136 | 140 | 139 | 139 | 138 | 132 |
| Education | 26 | 29 | 29 | 30 | 29 | 30 | 30 | 31 |
| DOE | 31 | 28 | 27 | 28 | 28 | 29 | 27 | 29 |
| HHS | 97 | 102 | 103 | 96 | 89 | 44 | 41 | 43 |
| HUD | 44 | 45 | 47 | 48 | 48 | 53 | 67 | 71 |
| DOI | 24 | 24 | 25 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 28 | 28 |
| DOJ | 35 | 39 | 38 | 40 | 43 | 49 | 54 | 58 |
| DOL | 50 | 53 | 52 | 54 | 51 | 50 | 49 | 53 |
| State | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 28 | 28 | 27 | 28 |
| Treasury | 26 | 29 | 30 | 32 | 31 | 32 | 30 | 30 |
| TIGTA* | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0 |
| VA | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 32 | 32 | 33 | 38 |
| NASA | 14 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 20 |

*The Office of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration was established in January 1999.

*The Office of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration's obligations and full-time equivalents were included under the Internal Revenue Service's FY 1999 budget.

Source: Budget of the United States Government for fiscal years 1994 through 2001.

Table 2: Reported Actual Number of Full-Time Equivalent IG Employees for Fiscal Years 1992 Through 1999

| Department/Agency | FY 1992 | FY 1993 | FY 1994 | FY 1995 | FY 1996 | FY 1997 | FY 1998 | FY 1999 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| AID | 251 | 248 | 241 | 225 | 207 | 197 | 189 | 167 |
| EPA | 363 | 374 | 433 | 424 | 391 | 354 | 348 | 340 |
| GSA | 441 | 414 | 400 | 356 | 319 | 291 | 280 | 275 |
| Agriculture | 876 | 862 | 821 | 777 | 754 | 742 | 737 | 701 |
| Commerce | 198 | 189 | 191 | 190 | 187 | 192 | 192 | 177 |
| DOD | 1513 | 1556 | 1568 | 1620 | 1482 | 1369 | 1269 | 1190 |
| Education | 348 | 367 | 358 | 338 | 305 | 280 | 279 | 281 |
| DOE | 315 | 361 | 358 | 339 | 325 | 291 | 245 | 254 |
| HHS | 1392 | 1317 | 1253 | 1051 | 926 | 360 | 332 | 331 |
| HUD | 558 | 546 | 514 | 483 | 492 | 499 | 519 | 578 |
| DOI | 322 | 323 | 312 | 289 | 265 | 252 | 240 | 238 |
| DOJ | 376 | 416 | 408 | 377 | 380 | 390 | 460 | 441 |
| DOL | 529 | 519 | 499 | 462 | 446 | 427 | 414 | 412 |
| State | 253 | 257 | 249 | 236 | 251 | 259 | 266 | 275 |
| Treasury | 314 | 311 | 305 | 299 | 298 | 280 | 276 | 264 |
| TIGTA* | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0 |
| VA | 420 | 428 | 411 | 389 | 365 | 339 | 322 | 342 |
| NASA | 206 | 214 | 204 | 191 | 190 | 187 | 185 | 191 |

*The Office of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration was established in January 1999.

*The Office of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration's obligations and full-time equivalents were included under the Internal Revenue Service's FY 1999 budget.

Source: Budget of the United States Government for fiscal years 1994 through 2001.

(Table 3: Reported Questioned Costs for Fiscal Years 1992 Through 1999)
(Dollars in millions)

| Department/Agency | FY 1992 | FY 1993 | FY 1994 | FY 1995 | FY 1996 | FY 1997 | FY 1998 | FY 1999 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| AID | 48.2 | 60.5 | 52.8 | 52.9 | 16.7 | 15.9 | 19.6 | 41.1 |
| EPA | 245.2 | 276.6 | 123.2 | 120.2 | 209.1 | 179.5 | 16.2 | 79.3 |
| GSA | 4.3 | 12.8 | 19.8 | 25.2 | 27.3 | 81.4 | 29.1 | 26.3 |
| Agriculture | 192.9 | 62.8 | 111.8 | 72.2 | 1,566.9 | 918.9 | 112.5 | 262.5 |
| Commerce | 6.1 | 15.4 | 8.3 | 14.1 | 5.1 | 13.7 | 5.0 | 5.6 |
| DOD | 1.8 | 0.2 | 12.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Education | 563.4 | 226.8 | 16.6 | 186.8 | 29.8 | 17.0 | 15.1 | 44.7 |
| DOE | 1.7 | 7.4 | 1.2 | 4.8 | 7.6 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| HHS | 548.9 | 572.9 | 403.4 | 403.7 | 214.5 | 196.1 | 197.2 | 212.1 |
| HUD | 130.9 | 242.9 | 63.8 | 31.2 | 38.1 | 26.3 | 53.0 | 22.7 |
| DOI | 15.5 | 19.6 | 47.9 | 16.9 | 16.3 | 17.6 | 150.3 | 31.9 |
| DOJ | 3.3 | 2.7 | 8.6 | 2.5 | 15.3 | 30.6 | 67.7 | 25.5 |
| DOL | 86.3 | 29.8 | 33.8 | 11.6 | 11.3 | 26.2 | 23.6 | 64.3 |
| State | 1.6 | .008 | 7.3 | 0.2 | .067 | 1.4 | 0.78 | 0.64 |
| Treasury | 0.5 | 0.9 | 7.9 | 7.4 | 4.7 | 7.0 | 4.9 | 3.9 |
| TIGTA | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0.8 |
| VA | 3.3 | 10.6 | 38.2 | 9.1 | 33.6 | 35.2 | 20.4 | 10.3 |
| NASA | 73.4 | 76.0 | 418.7 | 144.4 | 71.7 | 159.6 | 120.6 | 78.6 |

Source: IG semiannual reports for fiscal years 1992 through 1999.

Table 4: Reported Funds To Be Put To Better Use for Fiscal Years 1992 Through 1999
(Dollars in millions)

| Department/Agency | FY 1992 | FY 1993 | FY 1994 | FY 1995 | FY 1996 | FY 1997 | FY 1998 | FY 1999 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| AID | 386.1 | 37.6 | 58.0 | 29.7 | 18.8 | 89.3 | 499.6 | 37.4 |
| EPA | 194.1 | 63.2 | 17.8 | 330.2 | 62.2 | 1.4 | 5.2 | 1.8 |
| GSA | 276.2 | 381.4 | 193.3 | 202.4 | 342.1 | 81.3 | 290.7 | 362.6 |
| Agriculture | 1,195.9 | 197.1 | 101.3 | 414.5 | 264.7 | 267.4 | 5,427.9 | 114.1 |
| Commerce | 69.8 | 151.4 | 81.1 | 48.1 | 173.7 | 343.3 | 23.9 | 7.0 |
| DOD | 7,164.7 | 3,458.9 | 10,121.8 | 6,831.7 | 1,830.7 | 3,230.2 | 2,563.3 | 2,727.3 |
| Education | 798.7 | 86.0 | 177.5 | 7.9 | 14.6 | 141.8 | 2.9 | 35.0 |
| DOE | 665.2 | 143.7 | 1,713.1 | 649.3 | 688.9 | 269.7 | 595.1 | 208.9 |
| HHS | 1,325.4 | 1,640.7 | 904.3 | 6,172.5 | 701.7 | 3,416.2 | 2,089.2 | 297.7 |
| HUD | 72.5 | 21.3 | 9.1 | 17.7 | 0.3 | 4.7 | 0.5 | 2.1 |
| DOI | 1,317.7 | 1,301.6 | 831.9 | 261.4 | 278.0 | 44.0 | 155.5 | 145.0 |
| DOJ | 31.6 | 36.4 | 68.4 | 10.8 | 18.6 | 69.5 | 82.9 | 520.4 |
| DOL | 42.2 | 0.3 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 66.3 | 23.9 | 4.1 | 11.8 |
| State | 3.8 | 37.6 | 10.5 | 19.1 | 1.2 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 0.5 |
| Treasury | 196.6 | 308.8 | 594.3 | 1,184.9 | 45.2 | 130.7 | 80.3 | 79.1 |
| TIGTA | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 191.2 |
| VA | 372.2 | 379.9 | 417.6 | 388.8 | 99.6 | 197.7 | 701.8 | 656.5 |
| NASA | 413.2 | 118.3 | 214.5 | 630.9 | 563.2 | 5,537.4 | 133.8 | 109.9 |

Source: IG semiannual reports for fiscal years 1992 through 1999.

Table 5: Reported Investigative Recoveries for Fiscal Year 1992 Through 1999
(Dollars in millions)

| Department/Agency | FY 1992 | FY 1993 | FY 1994 | FY 1995 | FY 1996 | FY 1997 | FY 1998 | FY 1999 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| AID | 3.7 | 8.7 | 5.6 | 0.5 | 2.7 | 8.0 | 0.2 | 1.3 |
| EPA | 4.9 | 20.5 | 1.8 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 3.5 | 15.0 | 0.8 |
| GSA | 34.7 | 27.2 | 26.7 | 15.8 | 25.3 | 18.1 | 11.9 | 12.9 |
| Agriculture | 39.3 | 43.4 | 39.8 | 41.2 | 71.5 | 82.7 | 81.1 | 68.3 |
| Commerce | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 3.2 | 0.1 |
| DOD | 437.3 | 569.4 | 1,164.5 | 1,559.6 | 404.0 | 1,027.9 | 414.5 | 379.0 |
| Education | 7.1 | 1.4 | 9.4 | 3.1 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 29.8 | 9.2 |
| DOE | 5.5 | 21.4 | 164.4 | 4.4 | 40.3 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 13.6 |
| HHS | 69.8 | 197.4 | 300.2 | 379.6 | 237.4 | 1,248.6 | 515.9 | 407.7 |
| HUD | 52.1 | 26.4 | 39.2 | 13.2 | 41.5 | 16.8 | 7.4 | 6.9 |
| DOI | 9.6 | 3.5 | 4.6 | 11.8 | 2.3 | 6.4 | 55.6 | 14.7 |
| DOJ | 0.3 | 2.8 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 4.5 | 0.4 | 2.1 |
| DOL | 53.3 | 63.6 | 35.2 | 20.8 | 40.3 | 41.3 | 52.0 | 45.1 |
| State | 0.6 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| Treasury | 1.4 | 5.1 | 9.0 | 12.9 | 14.6 | 8.9 | 5.4 | 1.4 |
| TIGTA | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 25.4 |
| VA | 3.8 | 0.9 | 6.0 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 13.9 | 8.9 | 24.3 |
| NASA | 12.3 | 9.8 | 56.8 | 29.4 | 48.9 | 47.1 | 52.7 | 41.0 |

Source: IG semiannual reports for fiscal years 1992 through 1999.

Table 6: Reported Number of IG Reports for Fiscal Years 1992 Through 1999

| Department/Agency | FY 1992 | FY 1993 | FY 1994 | FY 1995 | FY 1996 | FY 1997 | FY 1998 | FY 1999 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| AID | 407 | 697 | 539 | 466 | 271 | 703 | 485 | 737 |
| EPA* | 1,962 | 1,573 | 1,526 | 897 | 499 | 463 | 397 | 460 |
| GSA | 660 | 552 | 503 | 517 | 409 | 312 | 233 | 195 |
| Agriculture ^b | 1,895 | 1,629 | 1,340 | 1,302 | 1,238 | 1,213 | 1,035 | 661 |
| Commerce | 562 | 654 | 602 | 1,116 | 1,231 | 1,282 | 530 | 759 |
| DOD | 143 | 175 | 202 | 312 | 241 | 237 | 231 | 259 |
| Education | 6,376 | 6,469 | 6,375 | 7,740 | 445 | 67 | 66 | 71 |
| DOE | 160 | 173 | 215 | 198 | 130 | 91 | 96 | 93 |
| HHS | 4,068 | 4,259 | 5,675 | 4,703 | 4,365 | 4,353 | 2,969 | 2,699 |
| HUD | 195 | 191 | 235 | 177 | 66 | 30 | 158 | 87 |
| DOI* | 1,187 | 1,375 | 1,054 | 1,119 | 1,075 | 1,112 | 662 | 764 |
| DOJ | 809 | 834 | 758 | 753 | 490 | 939 | 893 | 811 |
| DOL | 500 | 422 | 358 | 374 | 364 | 313 | 78 | 117 |
| State | 133 | 111 | 131 | 116 | 100 | 94 | 104 | 101 |
| Treasury | 168 | 253 | 258 | 258 | 247 | 290 | 234 | 147 |
| TIGTA | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 74 |
| VA | 205 | 177 | 115 | 119 | 91 | 137 | 147 | 174 |
| NASA | 2,631 | 2,721 | 2,848 | 2,633 | 2,181 | 1,959 | 2,013 | 1,692 |

*EPA stated that beginning in fiscal year 1995 it stopped reporting its single-audit-related work that did not have significant findings. EPA also stated that beginning in fiscal year 1996, it requested fewer Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) preaward contract audit reports.

^bIncludes investigative reports.

Source: IG semiannual reports for fiscal years 1992 through 1999.

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