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The Special Counsel

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Dear Mr. Nardotti:

Your letter of May 24, 2007, accusing our office of giving the report sent to you about Ms. Doan to the public, is false. Our information is that someone from GSA obtained a copy of OSC's report to your client from your client, and then faxed it to the press.

It appears to us that your client is attempting to throw up roadblocks to the official investigation of the U.S. Office of Special Counsel. Indeed, one could construe this ruse as further obstruction, attempting to prevent completion of our investigation and report to the President. This office has exclusive jurisdiction over the Hatch Act, and we will complete this matter and report to the President.

It is not a preliminary report as your client implied in the press. It is the report of this office. We will receive your client's response pursuant to our statute and place that along with our report in a letter to the President as required, also as required by our statute. All of our investigation was done by our experienced career staff in accordance with our laws.

Our published privacy act regulations state that I may release any information I deem appropriate or in the public interest, or to enhance the public's perception of the administration of justice, or for any other reason I deem appropriate in the public interest. There is no potential contamination of a jury pool here. The decision maker is the President of the United States who, I expect, will not likely be swayed by varying press reports, but will take into account all of the evidence, presented by the official report and responses, together with my letter to the President. Then when I deem it appropriate, I may release all of that publicly.

If you disagree with the report, you will have the opportunity to state that and to present any additional evidence or make any arguments. We will include all of that with our report to the President.

I appreciate the opportunity to talk to you last night and look forward to working with you in the future.

emerely,

Scott J. Bloch Special Counsel