

Integrity Committee

Council of the Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency

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IC # 629

Dear Commander Hammerstrom:

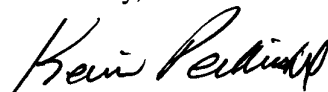
The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the Integrity Committee's (IC) disposition of your complaint alleging wrongdoing on the part of the Inspector General (IG), Department of Defense.

The IC is established as a component of the Council of Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency (Council) under Section 11(d) of the Inspector General Reform Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-409 of October 14, 2008, 122 Stat 4302). The IC's purpose is to receive and review complaints of wrongdoing that concern an IG who is a member of the Council or designated staff members of an Office of Inspector General's (OIG) staff. Under the IC's Policies and Procedures, as a threshold standard, the IC will review each complaint within its purview and determine whether the allegation substantially involves administrative misconduct (defined as a violation of law, rule, or regulation; gross mismanagement; gross waste of funds; or abuse of authority in the exercise of official duties or which acting under color of office) or potentially involves conduct so serious that it may undermine the independence or integrity reasonably expected of an IG or OIG senior staff member.

Your allegations were reviewed by the IC during its October 2009 meeting. The IC concluded that actions by the OIG properly fell within the discretion of an IG and consequently did not meet the IC's threshold standard for further consideration of the complaint. Accordingly, the IC will take no further action and directed that this complaint be closed.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the IC's attention.

Sincerely,



Kevin L. Perkins
Chair, Integrity Committee