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March 19, 2025

Nicole Angarella
Inspector General
Smithsonian Institution

Subject: *Final Report on the Qualitative Assessment Review of the Investigative Operations of the Office of the Inspector General for the Smithsonian Institution*

Dear Ms. Angarella:

We have reviewed the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative operations of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) for the Smithsonian Institution (SI) in effect for the period ended September 30, 2024. Our review was conducted in conformity with the Quality Standards for Investigations and the Qualitative Assessment Review Guidelines established by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.

We reviewed compliance with SI OIG's system of internal policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. The review was conducted at the headquarters office in Washington, D.C. Additionally, we sampled ten case files for investigations closed during Fiscal Year 2024.

In performing our review, we also considered the requirements of United States Marshals Service deputation. This arrangement/agreement for deputation authorizes law enforcement powers for eligible personnel of SI OIG. Those powers may be exercised only for activities authorized by that deputation.

In our opinion, the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative function of the SI OIG in effect for the year ended September 30, 2024, is in compliance with the quality standards established by the CIGIE and the other applicable guidelines and statutes cited above. These safeguards and procedures provide reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards in the planning, execution and reporting of its investigations and in the use of law enforcement powers.

Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Howell
Inspector General

List of Closed Investigative Files Reviewed

<u>Case File Number</u>	<u>Case Closing Date</u>
I21OIG00059	5/15/24
I24OIG00043	5/15/24
I23OIG00074	3/26/24
I21OIG00061	3/20/2024
I22OIG00036	3/20/24
I22OIG00003	12/1/2023
I21OIG00067	11/2/2023
I20OIG00150	10/6/2023
I21OIG00015	10/6/2023
I21OIG00045	10/6/24



March 13, 2025

Kimberly A. Howell
Inspector General
Corporation for Public Broadcasting

Dear Ms. Howell:

We have reviewed your *Draft Report on the Qualitative Assessment of the Investigative Operations of the Office of the Inspector General for the Smithsonian Institution*. We are pleased you found that our internal safeguards and management procedures comply with the quality standards established by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency and other applicable guidelines and statutes. As stated in your review, our compliance provides reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards in the planning, executing, and reporting of our investigations and using our law enforcement powers.

Thank you for the professional manner in which your team conducted this review. We sincerely appreciate their expertise and efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Signed by:


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Nicole L. Angarella
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