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INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
WASHINGTON, DC

September 15, 2023

The Honorable Tim Burchett
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Mace
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jared Moskowitz
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Eric Burlison
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Anna Paulina Luna
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Andy Ogles
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Burchett, Moskowitz, Luna, Mace, Burlison, and Ogles:

I write in response to your letter dated August 21, 2023, in which you referenced testimony provided by Mr. David Grusch at a July 26, 2023, hearing of the Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs of the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives regarding Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP). In your letter, you requested that the Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (IC IG) answer questions regarding “which intelligence community members, positions, facilities, military bases, or other actors are involved” with alleged UAP programs, either directly or indirectly.

IC IG takes seriously its responsibility to provide whistleblowers with appropriate, secure, and lawful channels for conveying complaints and information to Congress. The lawful channel Congress established is the “urgent concern” process found at 50 U.S.C. § 3033(k)(5), which provides a direct avenue for members of the Intelligence Community to provide information on matters meeting the statutory definition of an “urgent concern” to the congressional intelligence committees.

IC IG also takes seriously its own responsibility to support congressional oversight, and does so in the manner specified and required by statute, by keeping the congressional intelligence committees fully and currently informed about significant problems and deficiencies relating to programs and activities within the responsibility and authority of the Director of

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National Intelligence (DNI); and the necessity for, and progress of, corrective action.¹ IC IG also fulfills other congressional reporting responsibilities in accordance with applicable law, and provides such information to the appropriate congressional oversight committees.²

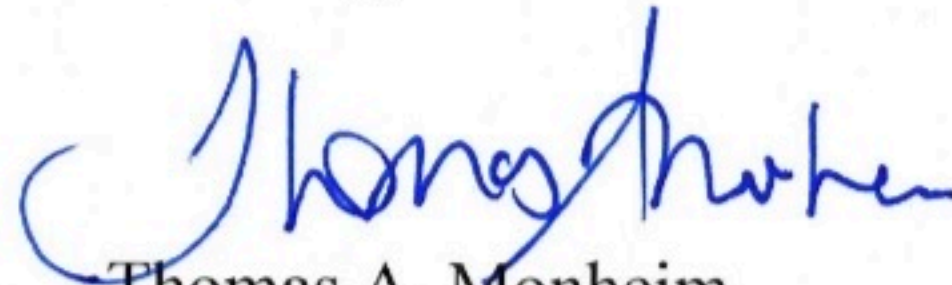
Additionally, and importantly, IC IG meets each of these reporting requirements while also complying with the important statutory restrictions that ensure IC IG protects the identities of whistleblowers and other witnesses.³

IC IG also provides respectful consideration and due weight to requests from individual members of Congress, considering factors such as IC IG resource constraints, competing priorities, and whether doing so would interfere with IC IG's ability to respond in a timely manner to duly authorized oversight requests.⁴

As a matter of discretion, IC IG notes that it has not conducted any audit, inspection, evaluation, or review of alleged UAP programs within the responsibility and authority of the DNI that would enable this office to provide a fulsome response to your questions.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Monheim
Inspector General of the
Intelligence Community

cc: The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives
The Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate

¹ 50 U.S.C. § 3033(b)(4); *see also* 50 U.S.C. § 3003(7) (the term “congressional intelligence committees” means “the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate” and “the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives”).

² *See, e.g.*, 50 U.S.C. § 3033(k) (directing IC IG to report certain information).

³ *See* 50 U.S.C. § 3033(g) (noting that the Inspector General “shall not disclose the identity” of an individual who provides IC IG a “complaint or information” without the consent of the individual, unless the Inspector General determines that such disclosure is “unavoidable in the course of an investigation”).

⁴ *See Authority of Individual Members of Congress to Conduct Oversight of the Executive Branch*, 41 Op. O.L.C. ___ (2017); *Requests by Individual Members of Congress for Executive Branch Information*, 43 Op. O.L.C. ___ (2019) (discussing review of requests to the Executive Branch from Congress).