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Joseph S. Campbell, Chairman
Integrity Committee
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 3973
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Report of Investigation (ROI) prepared on behalf of the Integrity Committee (IC) concerning several allegations against me. I appreciate the thoroughness and professionalism evident throughout the ROI, and look forward to the IC's review of the report and disposition of this matter.

I have only one minor clarification I would like to make to the ROI, on page 6, second full paragraph, last sentence, final phrase: "...meaning that all of the Board's investigative functions were controlled by Kendall's office and conducted according to normal OIG standards." This phrase paraphrases language contained in the Report of Interview of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget which states: "[The Assistant Secretary] stated that Kendall wanted all investigative functions to be conducted under normal OIG standards, and did not want it to appear that the OIG was working at the direction of the [OCS] Board." The statement in the Report of Interview is correct. The phrase on page 6 of the ROI is inaccurate only insofar as the OIG did not control "all of the Board's investigative functions." Rather, we controlled our own investigative functions that we conducted on behalf of the Board.

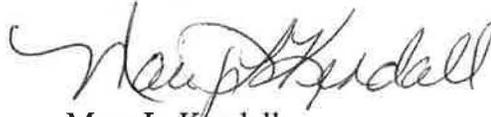
I realize that this is a very fine distinction in an otherwise somewhat complicated matter. This is the only correction I would make to the ROI.

The ROI addresses an issue that I do not believe I addressed in my initial response to the IC. The ROI states in the last paragraph on page 8: "The compromise was to request emails directly from [name redacted], however, the investigation did not independently verify the emails [name redacted] provided." The emails in question are the exchanges that took place between the person at the Department of the Interior responsible for drafting the 30-Day Report and an individual at the White House, hours before the 30-Day Report was issued, in which the Executive Summary was revised. **These emails evidenced exactly how the Executive Summary was revised to imply that the moratorium had been peer reviewed by the NAS scientists.** This was precisely what we were asked to determine in the investigation.

When the subject of an investigation voluntarily provides the very evidence that allows an investigator to determine exactly what happened, "independent verification" is not necessary.

I appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on the ROI. If you and/or the IC have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 208-5745.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary L. Kendall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mary" being the most prominent.

Mary L. Kendall
Deputy Inspector General