

Attachment 1

January 12, 2008

See addressees below.

We are bringing a serious situation to your attention and are asking you to take prompt action to fix it and prevent further harm.

The Inspector General for the Department of State is resigning on January 15. The word in the Department and the Office of Inspector General is that Deputy Secretary of State, John Negroponte, and Undersecretary for Management, Patrick Kennedy, are selecting the acting IG. It is said to be Ambassador Harry Geisel or someone they are comfortable with.

Let's think about this. The purpose of the IG legislation is to allow the President to select and the Senate to confirm a qualified person to independently and objectively review the programs and operations of the Department and report to both the Secretary of State and the Congress.

Having the Deputy Secretary of State and the Undersecretary for Management select an acting Inspector General who works for or retired from the Department shows total disrespect for the American people and the employees of the Department and the OIG. It is like having a person indicted for a crime select and confirm his own judge and jury. It gets worse. We understand that Ambassador Geisel, a long-time Department employee and one time Acting IG, had been the subject of an IG investigation.

This is not to criticize Mr. Negroponte or Mr. Kennedy or cast doubt on their integrity or professionalism. It is to say neither they nor the Secretary should be selecting the Acting IG or the replacement permanent IG. That is clearly the job of the President, with advice from the other IGs, and confirmation from the Senate.

Where are the President and the other Inspector Generals when we and the American public need them to restore the integrity and professionalism to the OIG? Where are the Senators and Congressmen? Is anybody out there still alive and breathing?

Before the current IG was appointed, there were four Acting IGs in two years. All of them were long time Department employees with the rank of Ambassador. Qualified? Independent? Objective? Just look at the record. It was a disaster and it's about to be repeated unless you take action to fix it.

Please help us. We and the American people are suffering.

Very concerned employees.

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Attachment 2

From: Farrell, Timothy P
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2008 8:51 AM
To: Powell, Robert R
Subject: FW: Djibouti RFP ***Do NOT Issue*** Aurora Prequal Status

The Djibouti RFP will be held until U/S Kennedy is able to make the call.

Bob The above statement is a real problem CO makes the call-do we really want the U/S advocating for a contractor? tim

From: Vvian, David W
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2008 10:45 AM
To: Hicks, Jay A; Sabino, Zaldy N.; Toussaint, Joseph W; Shinnick, Richard J; Blyth, Jonathan J; Farrell, Timothy P
Cc: Powell, Robert R; Gallagher, Dennis J; Sawyer, John C; Savage, Jillian M; Read, Cathy J
Subject: Djibouti RFP ***Do NOT Issue*** Aurora Prequal Status

Zaldy: DO NOT RELEASE the Djibouti RFP. Please hold the release of the RFP until you have specific clearance from Jay Hicks concerning the final status of Aurora's request for reconsideration of their unsuccessful qualification for the 2008 program. .

At a meeting today with U/S Kennedy, Mr. Shinnick, Jonathan, Jay, and Joe, and myself agreed that the Department would offer Aurora LLC prequalify on the Tunis School project only. This decision is based on the firms less than satisfactory performance record on SED NEC projects in Surabaya and Libreville. U/S Kennedy will contact the firm to explain the department's position. It was also agreed that Aurora may be offered qualification for participation in the Djibouti SED NEC project acquisition based on their involvement with the project acquisition processes in 2006 and 2007.

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Please note that Zaldy is performing is military obligation. He comes in late-afternoon/evening.

I'm TDY but have my office cell and FOB for email connectivity. Tim Farrell is Action Director FDCCD.

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Attachment 3

From: Geisel, Harold W (OIG)
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2008 10:12 AM
To: Kennedy, Patrick F
Subject: Big Problems With Baghdad (With However A Good News PS).
Importance: High

Pat,

I have just heard from Nick Amtson, our AIG for our Middle East Regional Office, that he had a terrible, terrible meeting with Charlie Reese and Kathy. Charlie: "What gives you the legal authority to do a program review?" "Why can't SIGIR do Triple Canopy and Dyncorp audit (SIC, Pat!)." "You can do all this from Washington." He said he was "going to straighten this out with Pat Kennedy." I hope so.

I told you before if we aren't going to be a strong IG, Congress will give us another. E.G. The SASC Counsel just raised hell with Tom Burgess telling him that "State OIG has done nothing in Iraq; SIGIR does it all."

Later, Kathy told Nick that if we sent an Inspection Team (requested by Ryan Crocker), its numbers must come down by the number of people doing the NEC audit. Shall I just call off the inspection or shall I call off the audit?

The handful of folks that we plan to have in Iraq is probably lots fewer than Kate and Brian expect us to have.

I am trying to keep a lid on unreasonable expectations and behavior and to keep the numbers down in Iraq. However, the Department committed to have an active State OIG as a quid pro quo for legislation giving us back the lead in Iraq. Please tell Baghdad to stop shooting its friends.

The Good P.S. I have an investigator for up to a two year assignment to Grant Green's team. Ron Militana, the agent that has done much of our first work in Baghdad, has volunteered for the assignment.

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