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Honorable Susan Crawford  
Inspector General  
Department of Defense  
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Dear Mrs. Crawford:

Recently, it has come to my attention that the Defense Criminal Investigation Service, under your jurisdiction, is looking into actions taken by DOD officials against Richard M. Barlow, a former assistant for non-proliferation policy. His position was located in the Office of the Director of Non-Proliferation Policy, OASD International Security Policy, OUSD (Policy). Our understanding is that this investigation was triggered by a series of intensive interviews conducted by your office with Mr. Barlow upon his arrival at DCIS, where he was expected to begin work as a professional investigator on your staff. This would have been in the December 1989 timeframe.

As chairman of the Investigations Subcommittee, I am concerned whenever there are indications that whistleblower protections may have been violated or that DOD officials have harassed employees or otherwise engaged in illegal personnel practices. When laws are violated, I expect disciplinary actions against the parties involved. For these reasons, I am asking that you provide me with the following information concerning the above case:

1. The objectives of the investigation.
2. The work plan being followed.
3. Target dates for completion of work and issuance of a final investigation report.
4. When available, the results of your investigation.

If you would prefer to brief my staff on the actions taken to date, please contact my staff director, Warren Nelson, on (202) 225-2086, or Wendy Jaffa, of my investigations staff, on (202) 225-5561.

I would appreciate your earliest response to this request.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Mavroules  
Chairman  
Investigations Subcommittee

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