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REPORT ON THE QUALITY ASSESSMENT REVIEW OF THE INVESTIGATIVE OPERATION OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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Report on the External Quality Assessment Review

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Subject: ***Report on the Quality Assessment Review of the Investigative Operations of the Office of Inspector General for U.S. Government Printing Office***

Dear Mr. Ogden:

We have reviewed the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative function of the Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) in effect for the period ended December 31, 2010. Our review was conducted in conformity with the PCIE/ECIE Quality Standards for Investigations, the Quality Assessment Review guidelines established by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and the Attorney General's Guidelines for Office of Inspectors General with Statutory Law Enforcement Authority, as applicable.

We reviewed compliance with GPO's system of internal policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. The review was conducted at the headquarters office in Washington, DC. Additionally, we examined all 16 case files for investigations closed during the previous 12-month period.

In performing our review, we have given consideration to the prerequisites of Section 6(e) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (as amended) and Section 812 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Pub.L. 107-296). Those documents authorize law enforcement powers for eligible personnel of each of the various offices of presidentially appointed

Inspectors General. Since the GPO OIG is also a Legislative Branch entity, we have given consideration to 44 USC §317 and to 28 U.S.C. § 566(d), as GPO OIG special agents have received special deputation by the US Marshall Service which provides the law enforcement authority of a Deputy U.S. Marshal, including the power to carry firearms, to execute court orders and other writs, and to make arrests. Those powers may be exercised only for activities authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, other statutes, or as expressly authorized by the Attorney General.

In our opinion, the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative function of the GPO in effect for the year ended 2010, is in compliance with the quality standards established by the PCIE/ECIE, the CIGIE, and the Attorney General guidelines. These safeguards and procedures provide reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards in the conduct of its investigations.

Sincerely,

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National Science Foundation
Office of Inspector General

Attachment A: Visited Office and Personnel Interviewed

Location: Washington D.C.

Personnel Interviewed During Assessment:	**7**
Senior Personnel	**1**
Special Agents	**6**

Attachment B: Review of Closed Investigative Files

Case File Number	Case Closing Date
10-0002-I	01/12/10
10-0004-I	08/17/10
10-0006-I	03/31/10
10-0007-I	10/22/10
10-0009-I	03/30/10
10-0010-I	08/18/10
I-2009-0018	08/03/10
I-2009-0019	02/23/10
I-2009-0022	08/21/09[1]
I-2009-0025	08/24/10
01080007C	01/12/10
02080008C	01/22/10
08080013C	08/16/10
09080013D	01/08/10
09080015D	04/14/10
09080016D	01/29/10

[1] Case was included in the batch of cases that closed in 2010.