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Nathan J. Deahl Inspector General U.S. Government Publishing Office Office of Inspector General 732 N Capitol Street NW Washington, DC 20401

Subject: Report on the Qualitative Assessment Review of the Investigative Operations of the Office of

Inspector General for the U.S. Government Publishing Office

Dear Inspector General Deahl:

We reviewed the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative operations of the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the period ending March 2025. We conducted our review in conformity with the Quality Standards for Investigations and the Qualitative Assessment Review Guidelines established by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE). We reviewed compliance with the GPO OIG's system of internal policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. The review was conducted at the GPO OIG office in Washington, DC. We sampled 14 case files for investigations closed between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2024.

In performing our review, we also gave consideration to the prerequisites of Title 44 USC § 3903. This statute authorizes law enforcement powers for eligible personnel of GPO OIG. Those powers may be exercised only for activities authorized by Title 44 USC § 3903 and the Inspector General Act of 1978.

Based on our review, the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative function of the GPO OIG in effect for the time period ending March 2025, complies with CIGIE's quality standards and the other applicable guidelines and statutes cited above. These safeguards and procedures provide reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards in the planning, execution and reporting of GPO OIG's investigations and use of law enforcement powers.

Sincerely,

Deborah Jeffrey

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Attachments:

A. GPO OIG location and number of staff

B. List of closed investigative files reviewed