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The Honorable Jason E. Chaffetz
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member
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Via Electronic Transmission

Dear Chairman Chaffetz and Ranking Member Cummings:

Thank you for your August 27, 2015, letter requesting that the Government Publishing Office (GPO) Office of Inspector General (OIG) provide information regarding: (1) a list and description of any instances within the last two years where an agency has refused to provide timely, unfettered access to documents, information, and agency employees, (2) a list and description of any instances within the last two years where an agency has delayed or improperly conditioned access to documents, information, and agency employees, (3) a list and description of any instances within the last two years where an agency has provided access to documents, information, and agency employees, but asserted that the agency was not required to supply such access under the terms of the IG Act and may not comply with similar requests in the future, and (4) for instances responsive to the requests above, any formal or informal response by the IG to the agency and if no response was given, a description of why the IG understands the agency's actions to be improper.

OIG has not experienced any instances where the Agency refused to provide, or otherwise delayed or restricted access to, records or other information. The Agency is responsive to our requests, findings, and recommendations. We note that Senior Managers are actively engaged in addressing OIG recommendations and taking corrective action when needed.

Your request along with our response follows.

1. A list and description of any instances within the last two years where an agency has refused to provide timely, unfettered access to documents, information, and agency employees.

OIG Response: GPO has not refused to provide our office with access to documents, information, or agency employees.

2. A list and description of any instances within the last two years where an agency has delayed or improperly conditioned access to documents, information, and agency employees.

OIG Response: GPO has not improperly conditioned access to documents, information, or agency employees. We occasionally experience delays which we would consider "ordinary course of business."

3. A list and description of any instances within the last two years where an agency has provided access to documents, information, and agency employees, but asserted that the agency was not required to supply such access under the terms of the IG Act and may not comply with similar requests in the future.

OIG Response: GPO OIG has had no such instances.

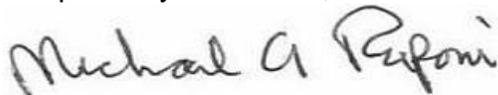
4. For instances responsive to the requests above, any formal or informal response by the IG to the agency and if no response was given, a description of why the IG understands the agency's actions to be improper.

OIG Response: GPO OIG has had no such instances.

We appreciate the oversight and welcome the opportunity to provide you with any additional information or clarification you may need. We strive to maintain and strengthen our communication between the OIG and Congress to ensure it is open, ongoing, and transparent.

Should you need any other information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 512-0039.

Respectfully submitted,



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