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Fred Fielding, Esquire  
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Re: Office of Personnel Management Office of Inspector General's  
Investigation of Special Counsel Scott J. Bloch

Dear Mr. Fielding:

I am writing to request that you instruct the Office of Personnel Management's Office of Inspector General (OPM IG) to issue a prompt and final determination to their investigation of the complaint filed in 2005 by my clients, a group of career employees of the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC). As my law partner Debra Katz and I have previously advised you, our clients' complaint reported numerous instances of unlawful whistleblower reprisal, politically and religiously-based hiring for career positions, discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation, and other illegal acts by Special Counsel Scott Bloch. Despite the fact that OPM IG appears to have completed its investigation long ago – no interviews or other investigation regarding my clients' underlying complaint have occurred for at least the past six months, and perhaps the past year – OPM IG has still not released its findings.

As was widely reported in the media on Monday, July 28, the Department of Justice's Office of Inspector General recently concluded that political appointees at DOJ violated the law and DOJ hiring policy by using a pro-Republican political litmus test to hire for hundreds of non-political civil service positions. The DOJ IG investigation began in early- to mid-2007, after the firing of nine U.S. attorneys in December 2006, and completed within approximately one year. By contrast, my clients have now waited nearly three-and-a-half years for redress.

A final report of investigation in the OSC complaint is urgent not only for my clients, but for a full public understanding of the issues raised by the DOJ report, since many of the issues raised in my clients' complaints mirror what occurred at DOJ. Just as DOJ's Inspector General reported that political officials had hired numerous lesser-qualified attorneys because they attended the Christian, conservative Regent University Law School, my clients' complaint reported that OSC officials hired several career

