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Re: OSC File No. DI-08-0595

Dear Mr. Wilson:

This is in response to your letter dated November 6, 2008 in regards to my comments on the agency reports in response to my allegations of a violation of law, rule, or regulations, gross mismanagement, and gross waste of funds at the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service (IHS), Rockville, Maryland.

My response is that I stand firm on my oral and written testimony given to the U.S. Senate Hearing on 31 July 2008.

In support of my oral and written testimony, I also concur fully with GAO report as well as GAO oral and written testimony given to at the U.S. Senate Hearing on 31 July 2008.

I have read the agency response to my comments in regards to my allegations of violation of law, rule, or regulations, gross mismanagement, and gross waste of funds at Indian Health Service (IHS).

As the former Deputy Director of the Office of Finance and Accounting and CFO at Indian Health Service, I personally observed and experienced the blatant violation of law, rules or regulations as well as the gross mismanagement and gross waste of funds. That is exactly why I agreed to cooperate with the General Accountability Office Special Investigations.

Over the past 32 years, prior to my forced retirement on 6th of March 2008, I have worked for Department of the Army, in various locations within the United States and Overseas, for Department of Defense, as well as National Institute of Health. I have also served in the Navy on active duty from 1962 to 1966 and served in the Army Reserves from 1977 until my retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel in October 2003. During this period, I served during Just Cause in Panama for 9 months, I served in the First Gulf War in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, I served in Bosnia from May to December 1996 and after 9/11, I was ordered to Active Duty once again and served on year at Headquarters Central Command in Tampa and then was re-assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa, Yemen from November 2002 until my retirement. During my 32 years of Federal Government Service as well as my 29 years in the U.S. Army Reserves I have never, repeat, never seen so much blatant abuse of rules and regulations as well as gross mismanagement and waste of funds as I experienced during my assignment at Indian Health Service.

Respectfully

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