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Re: OSC File No. DI-16-3627

Dear Ms. Lerner:

This letter is in response to a request from the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) that the Department of Justice's Criminal Division provide a supplemental response regarding its previously submitted report regarding whether the Division's Security Program Manager and Director of Security and Operations Support Staff, _____, lacked the appropriate security clearance for _____ position for at least the last three years, and that agency officials failed to ensure that _____ maintained the appropriate clearance.

As indicated in the report, the Criminal Division looked into this matter, and the evidence did not support the allegation that _____ lacked the appropriate security clearance for _____ position at any time. OSC subsequently requested that the Division provide clarification regarding the status of _____ clearance between the time _____ periodic reinvestigation should have been conducted in 2013, and when it was actually conducted in 2016. _____ security clearance remained in effect throughout that time. No action was taken by the Justice Management Division's Security and Emergency Planning Staff to withdraw, suspend or revoke _____ clearance pending the completion of _____ reinvestigation. _____ reinvestigation was not initiated until 2016 because of a delay in _____ completing the SF-86 paperwork necessary to conduct the reinvestigation.

If you require further assistance regarding this matter, please contact Carlos Uriarte in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General at (202) 305-0091.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Attorney General
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cc: Carlos Uriarte, Office of the Deputy Assistant Attorney General