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Office of the Secretary
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The Inspector General

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Washington, DC 20590

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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Coburn
Ranking Member, Permanent Subcommittee
on Investigations
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Grassley and Coburn:

Thank you for your letter of April 8, 2010, regarding your continuing efforts in support of our mission to promote efficiency and effectiveness and prevent fraud, waste, and abuse in Department of Transportation (DOT) programs.¹ As you requested, we are providing you with biannual reports on all our closed audits, investigations, and evaluations that were not publicly disclosed.

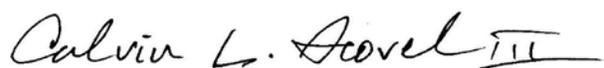
During the period of May 1 through September 30, 2010, we issued one non-public audit product to DOT's Deputy Secretary, "Management Advisory: Weaknesses Identified in the Office of the Secretary of Transportation's Acquisition Function" (June 24, 2010). Management advisories issued during our ongoing audits serve as an early warning to the DOT agency so officials can take corrective actions.

Our closed, non-public investigations for the same period are presented in the enclosure to this letter. We can provide additional information about any of the closed investigations listed upon request.

¹ We responded to this request on June 18, 2010.

Thank you again for your inquiry and interest. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (202) 366-1959 or Nathan Richmond, Director and Counsel for Congressional and External Affairs, at (202) 493-0422.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Calvin L. Scovel III". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Calvin L. Scovel III
Inspector General

Enclosure

DOT/OIG Closed Investigations, Non-Public

During the period May 1 through September 30, 2010, we closed² 13 investigations that resulted in administrative action and 49 investigations that were unsubstantiated and/or declined for prosecution and for which no other action was taken (i.e., administrative or civil).³ Please see the two tables below for further details.

ADMINISTRATIVE		
Aviation	Certificate Fraud, Airmen	2
Employee	Bribery/Gratuities (Employee Conduct)	1
Employee	Ethics Violation (Misconduct)	3
Grant	Anti-Trust, Bid Rigging/Collusion	1
Grant	False Statements/Certifications/Claims	1
Grant	Public Corruption/Extortion	3
Hazmat	Pipelines	1
Hazmat	PHMSA Cylinders and Packaging	1
TOTAL		13

UNSUBSTANTIATED		
Aviation	Accident Related	1
Aviation	Certificate Fraud, Airmen	1
Aviation	Certificate Fraud, Mechanic	1
Aviation	Certificate Fraud, Medical	2
Aviation	S.U.P. Parts-Manufacturing	1
Aviation	S.U.P. Parts-Maintenance	1
Employee	Conflict of Interest (Public Corruption, Current Employee)	1
Employee	Ethics Violation (Misconduct)	2
Employee	Travel Voucher Fraud	2
Grant	Anti-Trust, Bid Rigging/Collusion	3
Grant	DBE/MBE/WBE Fraud	3
Grant	False Statements/Certifications/Claims	14
Grant	Public Corruption/Extortion	3
Hazmat	Carriage by Air	1
Motor Carrier	Broker, Freight Forwarder, Carrier Registration	1
Motor Carrier	CDL	2
Motor Carrier	Driver Qualification	1
Intrusion	Unauthorized Computer Access	1
Procurement	False Statements/Certifications/Claims	4
Procurement	Public Corruption/Extortion	2
Other	Other (C.A.R.S.)	1
Other	Theft of DOT Funds or Property	1
TOTAL		49

² This does not include investigations that were reopened.

³ In addition, during the period requested, we closed 18 criminal, civil, and Office of Special Counsel Whistleblower investigations, which as a general rule are publicly disclosed.