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Dear Mr. Pardo:

Thank you for your letter of December 30, 2011 setting forth your concerns, and those of your fellow signatories, that the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) should "task the [US Department of Justice] Office of Legal Counsel to review" the interpretations of 5 U.S.C. Sections 1204(a)(3), 1214(e), and 2302(c).

As you may know, OSC is an independent federal agency; we have no authority to direct the work of or assign matters to the Department of Justice for review. OSC is, however, committed to honoring and enforcing the laws under our mandate.

As you note, these laws have been widely interpreted and applied for 33 years. Should the Courts or Congress deem to review these provisions and direct that they be construed and applied differently, we will most certainly abide by those decisions.

Thank you for your concern and interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn N. Lerner".

Carolyn N. Lerner