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August 8, 2012

Mr. Joseph P. Carson, P.E.
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Re: OSC File No. DI-12-3791

Dear Mr. Carson:

The Office of Special Counsel (OSC) has reviewed the information you referred to the Disclosure Unit. You have alleged a violation of law, rule, or regulation by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, Washington, D.C.

OSC is authorized by law to refer protected disclosures to the involved agency for an investigation and report. Disclosures that OSC may refer for investigation must include information that establishes a substantial likelihood of violation of law, rule, or regulation, gross mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety. OSC does not have the authority to investigate disclosures and, therefore, does not conduct its own investigations.

You alleged that for the past 34 years the individuals who have served on the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve have failed to advise employees of the Federal Reserve they may file disclosures with OSC. You also alleged that the past and present members of the Board of Governors have not taken action to ensure that: 1) OSC is able and willing to receive disclosures from Federal Reserve employees, 2) Federal Reserve employees are protected from prohibited personnel practices, and 3) the Merit Systems Protection Board is performing the required "special studies" of OSC and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve so that the President can take any action necessary to correct any deficiencies.

After review and consideration of the information provided, we have determined that OSC is not the proper forum in which to address this matter. Rather, these allegations involving longstanding misconduct of past and present members of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors should be referred to the President and relevant Congressional committees. The contact information for the President and the Congressional committees follows:

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

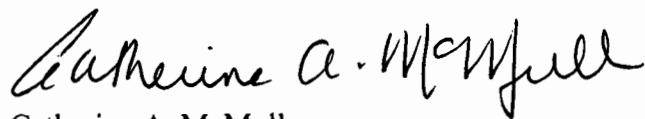
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U.S. Senate
Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
534 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Tel.: (202) 224-7391

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Financial Services
2129 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
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Please direct all future correspondence regarding these allegations to these offices.
Accordingly, we are closing our file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine A. McMullen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Catherine A. McMullen
Chief, Disclosure Unit

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