



U.S. MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

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November 28, 2006

Mr. Joseph P. Carson
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IG No. 07-01

Dear Mr. Carson:

The Office of the General Counsel (OGC) is charged with performing the investigative functions for the Merit Systems Protection Board (the "Board") as required by the Inspector General Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3, (IG Act) as amended. In accordance with that delegation of authority, OGC receives and processes complaints alleging waste, fraud, abuse, gross mismanagement and other acts or omissions cognizable under the IG Act.

This letter acknowledges receipt of your letter to the General Counsel, Chad Bungard, dated November 16, 2006 in which you appear to allege that the Office of Special Counsel has failed in its responsibility to enforce the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989, as amended. Please be advised that the Board has jurisdiction to review complaints brought under the IG Act only to the extent that such complaints allege acts or omissions committed by Board employees. The Board has no oversight authority over the Office of Special Counsel or jurisdiction to investigate your allegations regarding that agency.

Accordingly, we cannot conduct an investigation of your complaint and will take no further action regarding this matter. Although we cannot conduct the investigation you requested, please be assured that the Board values your efforts to uphold the principles of the Inspector General Act of 1978.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosalyn L. Wilcots".

Rosalyn L. Wilcots