Integrity Committee

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IC # 571

Dear Mr. Petrilli:

This is to acknowledge the Integrity Committee's (IC's) receipt of your letter dated March 10, 2008, referring a matter to the IC for review. You alleged that John P. Higgins, Jr., Inspector General(IG), Department of Education (DOE), conducted a capricious and biased audit of the Reading First program.

Pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 12993, the IC was established as an independent mechanism to receive, review, and investigate, where appropriate, allegations of administrative misconduct against Inspector Generals (IGs) and, in limited cases, IG senior staff members. The IC will refer cases to other investigative bodies, close cases, or take other actions consistent with its discretionary powers under EO 12993.

The IC will review this matter at its next scheduled meeting. Thank you for bringing this matter to the IC's attention.

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Kaiser

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Chair, Integrity Committee