



U. S. Department of Justice

Office of the Inspector General

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Mary Dryovage, Esquire
Jeff Ruch, Executive Director
Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility
2000 P Street, N.W., Suite 240
Washington, D.C. 20036

Re: Leroy A. Smith

Dear Ms. Dryovage and Mr. Ruch:

This is in response to your letter of April 4, 2006, to Inspector General Glenn Fine, in which you requested an investigation of the computer recycling practices at United States Prison Atwater and other Bureau of Prisons (BOP) institutions with similar operations. We also received a referral of the matter from the BOP and the Department of Justice.

This is to advise you that the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has decided to open an investigation of this matter. Investigative Counsel Randall Humm in the OIG's Oversight and Review Division will be coordinating the investigation. A member of the OIG's review team will contact you regarding any interview of your client, Leroy A. Smith.

Thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol F. Ochoa".

Carol F. Ochoa
Assistant Inspector General
Oversight and Review Division