

Dear OSC employee:

As many of you know, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Office of Inspector General (OIG) is still conducting an investigation into the complaint filed by a group of your current and former colleagues (together with whistleblower organizations) in March 2005. The complaint alleges that Special Counsel Scott Bloch has committed multiple prohibited personnel practices, as well as other violations of law.

This past Tuesday, an email sent to all OSC staff by Rebecca McGinley misrepresented OSC policy regarding witness interviews. When OSC conducts an investigation it reserves to itself the right to contact witnesses directly without notifying the agency liaison. Indeed, one would expect that OSC would object strenuously if an agency required that witnesses whom OSC contacted directly must report that contact to the subject of the investigation or one of his deputies.

The OSC policy is set forth on the official agency website (“OSC reserves the right to contact witnesses directly when appropriate”):

<http://www.osc.gov/documents/pubs/dr-memo.htm>

You might want to print out the linked page, just in case it suddenly disappears from the website.

Attached for your review is a letter recently sent to Clay Johnson, Chairman of the President’s Council on Integrity and Efficiency, protesting this latest effort by OSC political leadership to obstruct the OIG investigation.

Do not be intimidated.

Sincerely



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