

**Report on the Quality Assessment Review of the  
Investigative Operations of the Special Inspector  
General for Afghanistan Reconstruction**

**Conducted in *Arlington, VA***

**by**

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# Report on the External Quality Assessment Review

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March 27, 2014

**John F. Sopko**  
**Inspector General**  
**Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction**  
**2530 Crystal Drive**  
**Arlington, VA 22202**

**Subject:** *Report on the Quality Assessment Review of the Investigative Operations of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction*

Dear Mr. Sopko:

We have reviewed the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative operations of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) in effect for the period ending December 31, 2013. Our review was conducted in conformity with the Quality Standards for Investigations and the Quality Assessment Review Guidelines established by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and the Attorney General's Guidelines for Offices of Inspector General with Statutory Law Enforcement Authority, as applicable.

We reviewed compliance with SIGAR's system of internal policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. The review was conducted at the headquarters office in Arlington, VA. Additionally, we sampled 30 case files for investigations closed during the previous 12-month period.

In performing our review, we have given consideration to the prerequisites of Section 6(e) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended (IG Act) and Section 812 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Pub.L. 107-296). Those documents authorize law enforcement powers for eligible personnel of each of the various offices of presidentially appointed Inspectors General. Those

powers may be exercised only for activities authorized by the IG Act, other statutes, or as expressly authorized by the Attorney General.

In our opinion, the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative function of SIGAR in effect for the year ending December 31, 2013, is in compliance with the quality standards established by the CIGIE and the applicable Attorney General guidelines. These safeguards and procedures provide reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards in the planning, execution, and reporting of its investigations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allison C. Lerner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

Allison C. Lerner  
Inspector General  
Office of Inspector General  
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## **Attachment A: Satellite Locations**

**Location: Arlington, VA**

**No. of Personnel Interviewed: 7**

Note: For several reasons, we limited our physical peer review to the Arlington, VA office. We did, however, try to assess how the Investigations Directorate operated in Afghanistan. We interviewed the evidence custodian in Afghanistan; we requested photographs of the evidence storage facilities there and copies of the log books. Additionally, we interviewed Special Agents who had been stationed in Afghanistan. We interviewed the Criminal Investigator responsible for maintaining training records and asked how training needs for personnel in Afghanistan were addressed.

## Attachment B: List of Closed Investigative Files Reviewed

| <u>Case File Number</u> | <u>Case Closing Date (2013)</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 0075-09-WFO-3-0027      | 16-Sep                          |
| 0133-10-KAF-1-0096      | 25-Feb                          |
| 0170-10-WFO-1-0058      | 4-Apr                           |
| 0274-11-WFO-1-0101      | 6-Sep                           |
| 0326-11-KBL-3-0054      | 7-Apr                           |
| 0015-12-KBL-1-0003      | 8-Oct                           |
| 0035-12-CLN-1-0008      | 8-Apr                           |
| 0068-12-BAF-6-0075      | 10-Mar                          |
| 0096-12-HRT-7-0054      | 14-Jul                          |
| 0129-12-WFO-3-0077      | 22-Feb                          |
| 0164-12-KBL-3-0095      | 2-Feb                           |
| 0167-12-WFO-3-0085      | 8-Oct                           |
| 0199-12-WFO-7-0098      | 20-Dec                          |
| 0267-12-KBL-1-0162      | 17-Mar                          |
| 0306-12-CLN-1-0146      | 2-Oct                           |
| 0323-12-WFO-6-0158      | 6-Sep                           |
| 0002-13-BAF-6-0003      | 24-May                          |
| 0021-13-KAF-6-0034      | 29-Jun                          |
| 0057-13-KBL-6-0037      | 10-Sep                          |
| 0061-13-WFO-3-0059      | 20-Aug                          |
| 0088-13-SLO-5-0045      | 21-Oct                          |
| 0100-13-HRT-9-0075      | 7-Apr                           |
| 0101-13-KAF-4-0065      | 9-Aug                           |
| 0136-13-BAF-5-0073      | 17-Nov                          |
| 0168-13-KBL-7-0090      | 9-Aug                           |
| 0190-13-CLN-1-0087      | 18-Dec                          |
| 0306-13-PHX-1-0107      | 8-Oct                           |
| 0435-13-WFO-6-0191      | 16-Dec                          |
| 0470-13-KBL-1-0173      | 11-Oct                          |
| 0474-13-WFO-7-0168      | 7-Sep                           |