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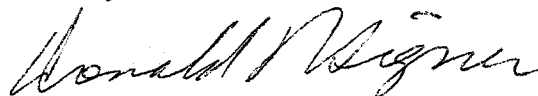
July 8, 2011

Mr. Timothy P. Camus
Deputy Inspector General for Investigations
Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration
1125 15th St NW, Suite 700
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Dear Mr. Camus:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Ms. Daphne Levitas, which I believe to be self-explanatory.

Sincerely,



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Ms. Daphne Levitas
Freedom of Information Act Appeal
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Washington, DC 20005

Re: FOIA Disclosure File #2011-FOI-00067

Dear Ms. Levitas:

Thank you for your time and courtesy in our telephone conversation on July 5. Per your suggestion, I am writing this list of questions regarding documents I have, and have not, received in the three groups of FOIA documents. I will first state my questions, which are underlined, about the document count.

Following is a summary of the number of documents stated in the three cover letters I received with FOIA documents:

<u>FOIA document response date</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Full</u>	<u>Partial</u>	<u>Withheld</u>
March 9, 2011	68	39	11	18
April 12, 2011	125	107	13	5
June 8, 2011	22*	13	1	9
Total	215	159	25	32

* TIGTA cover letter showed 22 total, but $13+1+9=23$

1. Are the "withheld" documents all separate, so total currently withheld is $18+5+9=32$? Or, were some of the ones that were released in groups 2 and 3 ones that were withheld earlier?
2. In the June 8 file I received, there were 46 pages of which 22 were new, and 24 were duplicates of ones I had received before. Some of the duplicates had previous redactions partially or completely removed. Are there still 9 additional pages that were withheld?
3. After the last batch, 97 pages that I sent are still missing. Are you able to shed any light on why?

The following relates to our telephone discussion about the (b)(7)(c) documents in which I asked you about how the redacted statements could be considered personal privacy issues. I later reflected on the discussion and realized that you must have agreed that they weren't

as such, and accordingly, revealed them. Following, in chronological order, are some examples of the documents with previous redaction partially or totally removed, as well as some new documents, in the June 8 group. The FOIA page numbers shown are based on the order in which they came assembled, although they were not numbered.

1. 7/19/10 – Complaint Referral Memorandum – FOIA p. 27: New document shows that case went from TIGTA to IRS ECCO on July 19, 2010.
2. 10/22/10 – E-mail with Complaint Referral Memorandum – FOIA p. 34-35: New document is of IRS Territory Manager returning case to TIGTA for investigation.
3. 10/27/10 – Memorandum of records review – FOIA p. 5-6: Shows that TIGTA assigned to Pasquale on October 27. Redaction removed from document previously supplied now reveals Jaramillo’s returning of the complaint from IRS to TIGTA.
4. 12/9/10 – S1. Subject Status – FOIA p. 41: Status date 12/9. Reveals previously redacted text:
 - a. Status: 5 – Pending: Referred to IRS for Action/Response.
 - b. Complaint Status History: Shows referrals from TIGTA to IRS, back to TIGTA, then 12/6 “Refer for evaluation to immediate manager”. (Note that on 12/9 the case was referred back to IRS yet again as shown above “Status: 5...”)
 - c. 7/15. Triangle Category: Employee Integrity
 - d. Triangle Subcategory: Complaints Processed
5. 12/9/10 – S3. Result (“Page 3 of 6”) – FOIA p. 43: Reveals the following text previously redacted:
 - a. Reason for no Investigation:
 - i. 11-Personal/Business Tax Issue
 - ii. 16-No Investigative Potential
 - b. 2 – Complaint referred to IRS for admin action.
6. 12/13/10 – Complaint Referral Memorandum – FOIA p. 3: New document reveals TIGTA IAD SAC Bernard Williams referred back to IRS ECCO.
7. 2/28/10 – Complaint Referral Memorandum – FOIA p. 1: New document closes case referred to ECCO on 12/13/10. Belinda Mattos states: “Closed without action. The TIGTA found insufficient info. to open an investigation. The taxpayer makes a vague allegation of collusion. No employee misconduct alleged.”
8. 2/28/10 – EIU Report of Inquiry – FOIA p. 2: New document by Belinda Mattos states, in part, the following:
 - a. “The taxpayer alleged the IRS colluded with GM to put his car dealership out of business. He bases these allegations on what he sees as coincidences. The taxpayer did not present any concrete incidents or allegations.”
 - b. “Closing this complaint without action at this time.”

The above documents collectively paint a disturbing picture of TIGTA’s avoidance of pursuing my complaint by passing it around like a hot potato, and then using statements

known to be false in order to trivialize the complaint and make it go away quietly. TIGTA's tactics are shocking, although they are consistent with what I have experienced for many years. Since GM is its business partner by way of the 2009 TARP bailout, it would seem that the Department of the Treasury would like to avoid a finding of criminal collusion between employees of the two parties.

Compounding the egregious nature of the above observation is the content of letters Deputy Inspector General Timothy Camus sent on April 27, 2011 to Congressman Pete Stark and Senator Barbara Boxer, each of whom had written letters to the Department of the Treasury on my behalf. Within each April 27 letter is the statement, "We have concluded our review of your constituent's allegations and have determined that they are unsubstantiated. We found no evidence that IRS and GM officials conspired to harass Mr. Signer by auditing his tax returns." This deceptively worded statement makes it appear that an investigation was conducted. In reality, TIGTA file documents disclose the truth: TIGTA "found no evidence" because it didn't look.

I have not communicated with the legislators since they forwarded Mr. Camus's letters to me in May. I will, of course, inform them of what I have recently learned. The file documents cited herein are only a portion of a large patchwork of clues of what I consider to be serious wrongdoing in TIGTA's action (or lack thereof) on my complaint. If you wish to see a detailed account of these clues, you may find it at <http://donsigner.com/dealership-history/expanded-details/u-s-treasury-action-on-signer-complaint/>. I am in the process of completing the narration, and plan to have it posted by the time you receive this letter.

I discuss the above in fairness so that you, and/or Mr. Camus, may contact me with any comments or additional information before I carry my pursuit to the next level. If you wish to do so, please contact me within two business days of your receipt of this letter. You may reach me at 510-██████████ (home,) or 510-██████████ (cell.) You may send e-mail to don@donsigner.com. If you wish to fax something, please call me and I will switch the phone line to the fax machine.

I would also appreciate your response to my document count questions. On the phone you told me that my only remedy at this point is to file for judicial review. I ask that you review the file documents one more time to see if there is any more information that you can release to me. If you are able to provide enough information, perhaps I may avoid filing for a judicial review.

Thank you again for your courtesy on July 5, and in advance for your response to this letter.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Mr. Timothy P. Camus, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations