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The Honorable Christopher Shays
Chairman
Subcommittee on National Security,
Emerging Threats, and International Relations
Committee on Government Reform
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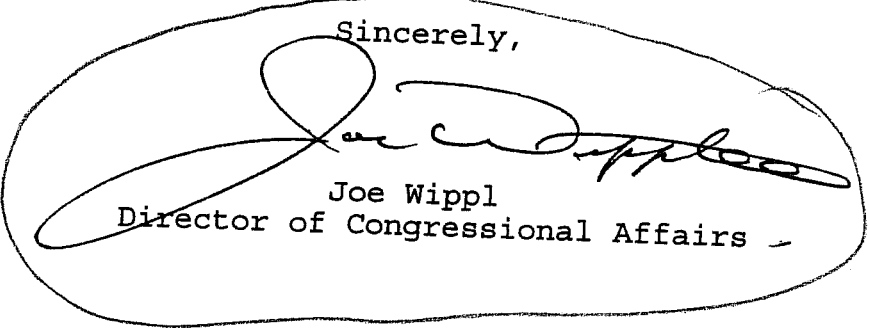
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I want to thank you for your letter of 10 November 2005 inviting CIA's Inspector General to testify on 6 December 2005 at the Committee's hearing entitled, *National Security Whistleblowers in the post-9/11 Era: Lost in a Labyrinth and Facing Retaliation by Security Clearance Revocation*.

I am sorry that the Inspector General will not be able to attend your hearing. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you, with regard to the purpose of your subcommittee's hearing, CIA's Office of Inspector General has never received, nor had to investigate, a whistleblower complaint in which an employee claimed that their clearances were revoked as a method of retaliation for their whistleblower activities. The Inspector General believes, therefore, that CIA will not be able to contribute any information of significance to your subcommittee's activity.

If you desire, I would be pleased to forward to your subcommittee a copy of the CIA's policy regulation identifying the processes, rights, and protections given whistleblowers.

Sincerely,



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