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Mr. Louis Clark, Director
Government Accountability Project
Institute for Policy Studies
1901 Q Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mr. Clark:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the January 7, 1981 meeting between yourself, Mr. Thomas Devine, and two representatives of the Office of Inspector and Auditor (OIA), Messrs. Arthur Schnebelen and John Sinclair.

As discussed during the meeting, some of the information which was obtained by the Government Accountability Project (GAP) was furnished with some assurances of "confidentiality" to certain individuals. OIA subsequently described its procedures regarding the matter of confidentiality and is providing the following explanation of the procedures in support of the verbal agreement. As stated during the meeting and confirmed by telephone conversations between the Director, OIA, and GAP officials, the confidentiality of individuals would be honored during an investigation and the reporting of the investigation. However, as previously stated, there were several exceptions or limitations to the confidentiality agreement involving (1) requests by Congress, (2) administrative or judicial proceedings, and (3) requests from official law enforcement agencies.

We, therefore, are providing this letter, per your request, as verification of our agreement.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. J. Cummings

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