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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

The Honorable Christopher S. Murphy
United States Senator
136 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murphy:

I am responding to the letter you sent to me and the Inspectors General of the Department of State, the Department of Homeland Security, and the National Archives and Records Administration, expressing concern about our establishments' responses to certain Congressional requests for information, and asking that we each open an investigation into how those responses varied depending on the party affiliation of the requesters and the subjects of the requests. You particularly asked about our establishments' cooperation with requests relating to recent impeachment proceedings, and the President's tax returns...

With respect to the last-mentioned matter, I advise that my office is conducting an inquiry, at the request of the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, into the process by which the Department of the Treasury received, considered, and responded to the Committee's request, made pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6103(f), for certain tax return information relating to the President. When our inquiry is completed, we will discuss with committee staff the means by which its findings can be disseminated.

With respect to the other matters contained in your request, I believe that the Department can provide the factual information underlying your areas of concern, and that any similarities or differences in the response standards will reveal themselves. I respectfully advise that our review of and opinion about these results would not be an appropriate use of our resources and authority under the Inspector General Act.

Please call me on 202-528-8997 if you have questions or wish to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/

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