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INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION OF SCOTT  
BLOCH, SPECIAL COUNSEL AT THE UNITED STATES  
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CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT  
THE WHITE HOUSE

February 15, 2008

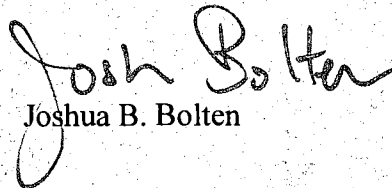
The Honorable James M. Inhofe  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Inhofe:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Inspector General investigation of Scott Bloch, Special Counsel at the United States Office of Special Counsel. I understand Fred Fielding, Counsel to the President, has been in touch with you in response to your request.

Once again, thank you for your letter. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

  
Joshua B. Bolten

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February 5, 2008

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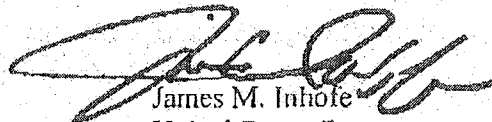
I am writing to follow up on previous correspondence regarding Scott Bloch, Special Counsel at the United States Office of Special Counsel.

As you know, five completed investigations have revealed no wrongdoing by Mr. Bloch in his role as Special Counsel. However, he continues to have a shadow cast over his tenure in the Administration as a result of an ongoing investigation by the Inspector General of the Office of Personnel Management. Despite Mr. Bloch's full cooperation, this unnecessarily lengthy investigation has already taken more than two years.

On July 10, 2006, I wrote to Mr. Bloch and requested a number of documents related to his case. Having reviewed the materials he sent, Senator Jim DeMint and I sent a letter to you on August 17, 2006 in which we asked that the Administration bring this investigation to an efficient conclusion. More than seventeen months later, I call for renewed attention to this matter. I respectfully request a target date for completion of the investigation of Mr. Bloch. If investigation will continue to go slowly, I request an interim report and a reason for the delay.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe  
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CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT  
THE WHITE HOUSE

September 18, 2006


The Honorable James W. DeMint  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator DeMint:

Thank you for your letter regarding Scott Bloch, Special Counsel of the U.S. Office of Special Counsel. I appreciate you sending your views and have shared them with appropriate officials here at the White House.

Once again, thank you for your letter. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,



Joshua B. Bolten

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August 17, 2006

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Dear Mr. Bolten,

We are writing to express our concern about the treatment of Scott Bloch, Special Counsel of the U.S. Office of Special Counsel.


During his brief tenure, Mr. Bloch has been thoroughly and repeatedly investigated. These investigations have included multiple GAO investigations, a hearing before a Senate Subcommittee, and a lengthy investigation by the House Committee on Government Reform. All of this intensive scrutiny has failed to demonstrate that Mr. Bloch's official conduct has been anything other than proper and legal.

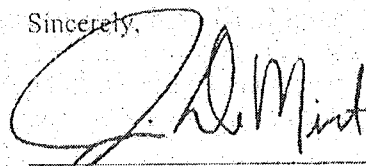
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Numerous non-governmental organizations have now expressed to us concerns about this investigation's treatment of Scott Bloch and others at the U.S. Office of Special Counsel. Such concerns include allegations that said investigation involves religious targeting and intimidation, as well as the investigation's redundancy, duration, and now apparent stagnation.

Therefore, and after reviewing substantial documentation involved, we respectfully request that you look into this matter. We believe it would be in the best interest of the Administration to bring this investigation to an efficient conclusion.

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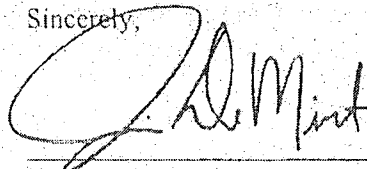
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