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Office of the Inspector General

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Mr. James P. Scanlan  
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Dear Mr. Scanlan:

This is in response to your December 23, 1997 letter to me, and your January 5, 1998 letter attaching corrections to your December 23 letter. In those letters, you request that the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigate how Department of Justice officials handled your claims of prosecutorial misconduct by the Office of Independent Counsel (OIC) in United States of America v. Deborah Gore Dean, as well as the alleged prosecutorial misconduct by the OIC attorneys themselves. You also sent a letter to the Attorney General on January 14, 1998, regarding these claims.

It appears that the allegations you raise are outside the jurisdiction of my office. By Attorney General order, the OIG does not have the independent authority to investigate allegations of misconduct by Department attorneys that relate to the exercise of their authority to investigate, litigate, or provide legal advice. We believe that this principle also would apply to attorneys from an Office of Independent Counsel. The allegations you raise are related to the attorneys' investigation, litigation, and provision of legal advice regarding the matters at issue and therefore do not fall within our jurisdiction.

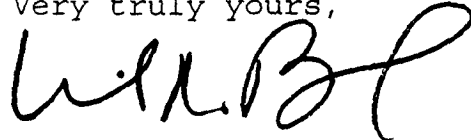
We recognize that the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) is the office that would normally have jurisdiction over the matters you raise in your letters and that your complaints relate in part to the way that OPR handled your previous allegations of wrongdoing. But we do not believe, absent extraordinary circumstances, that our office should independently

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review the decisions already made by OPR regarding allegations within its jurisdiction.

Thank you, however, for bringing this matter to our attention.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. R. Bromwich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Michael R. Bromwich  
Inspector General