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Reply to Attn of:

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

TO: Assistant Inspector General for Investigations
FROM: Chief Financial Officer
SUBJECT: Agency Response to Results of Mission Management Aircraft Investigation

This is in response to your May 29, 2008, memorandum which summarized the results of the administrative investigation conducted by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) regarding certain trips taken by former Administrator Sean O'Keefe. You requested the Agency's response within 30 days or by June 29, 2008.

The Agency has reviewed the results and has decided not to take action against or seek to collect any costs from Mr. O'Keefe. Based on the OIG's findings, there was no criminal conduct, nor was there an intentional or knowing violation of any laws or Agency policies, on Mr. O'Keefe's part. Rather, the issues raised with respect to those trips appear to be the result of failures in the Agency's procedures and processes for the review and approval of Mission Management Aircraft flights at the time. Those procedural deficiencies have since been corrected.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 358-0978.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. R. Spoehel".

Ronald R. Spoehel

cc:
Chief of Staff/Mr. Morrell
General Counsel/Mr. Wholley