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Mr. Gregory H. Friedman
Vice Chair, President's Council on
Integrity and Efficiency
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Office of the Inspector General, Room 5D039
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Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Thank you for your letter dated September 7, 2005, in which you extend your support to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) with respect to the National Response Plan's Emergency Support Function 13 activated by the Government in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. We share your intense interest in helping the victims of this storm, and I greatly appreciate the involvement of the Inspector General community.

Inspector General Richard Skinner has sent us the list of volunteers that you reference in your letter. As per the procedures in place, we have sent this list to both of the Joint Field Offices that have been established by the Department of Homeland Security in Baton Rouge and in Jackson, Mississippi. The Federal Coordinators for those offices are Mr. Bill Lockey and Mr. Bill Carwille, respectively. Members of the Emergency Support Function 13 operations at the Joint Field Offices will contact the persons on the list if they are needed.

Again, thank you for supplying this information, and, more fundamentally, thank you for sharing your personnel who have kindly volunteered to be of assistance in this important work. Please convey to them my thanks and appreciation for their willingness to help. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact our New Orleans Division Special Agent in Charge Mark Chait at (504) 329-9198.

Sincerely yours,



Cari J. Truscott
Director

cc: Chairman Clay Johnson III, President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency
Inspector General Richard Skinner, Department of Homeland Security
Inspector Glenn Fine, Department of Justice
Inspector General Barry Snyder, Federal Reserve Board