



OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WHISTLEBLOWING MATTERS

Inspector General of the Intelligence Community Delivers Declassified Congressional Notifications to Senate Judiciary Committee

(November 2, 2018) Inspector General of the Intelligence Community Michael K. Atkinson delivered two declassified Congressional Notifications on whistleblower communications prepared by the Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (ICIG) in 2014, to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Now unclassified and re-marked for public release, the Congressional Notifications alerted the Director of National Intelligence and the Congressional intelligence oversight committees that whistleblower-related communications had been accessed through routine CIA counterintelligence monitoring. The new ICIG earned accolades from Chairman Chuck Grassley for facilitating the declassification and release of the documents within two weeks of his October 15, 2018 request.

In his November 2, 2018 response letter to Senator Grassley, Inspector General Atkinson stated that he shares concerns about the legal and policy implications raised by the information contained in the Congressional Notifications, and commits to working with the Committee, the intelligence oversight committees, ODNI, and the Intelligence Community Inspectors General Forum to ensure that the Intelligence Community respects our nation's laws and appropriately protects the confidentiality of whistleblower communications while conducting counterintelligence monitoring of agency networks.

Senator Grassley was quoted in an office news release saying, "...Inspector General Atkinson and his office were responsive and engaging on something that appeared intractable if small. I thank him for his work."

View the declassified documents here:

[October 29, 2018 ICIG Response Letter](#)

[March 28, 2014 Congressional Notification](#)

[March 31, 2014 Congressional Notification](#)

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