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Date : January 31, 2013

Reply to : Office of Inspector General (OIG)

Subject : Audit Memorandum #13-06: Audit of NARA's Compliance with the Improper Payment Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010

To : David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States (N)

Pursuant to Section 3(b) of the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 we have reviewed the National Archives and Records Administration's (NARA) improper payment reporting in NARA's fiscal year (FY) 2012 Performance and Accountability Report and accompanying materials, to determine if NARA is in compliance with the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002, as amended (IPIA).

NARA reported in its FY 2012 Performance and Accountability Report that "To comply with Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 (IPERA), NARA completed a full program inventory and performed the risk assessment required by FY 2011 OMB Circular A-123, APPENDIX C - Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (IPIA), as amended by IPERA, for submission to OMB. NARA did not identify any programs or activities that may be susceptible to significant improper payments and has determined that payment recapture audits would not be cost-effective at this time."

Based on OMB Memorandum M-11-16 agencies shall review all programs and activities they administer to identify those programs and activities that may be susceptible to significant improper payments and at least once every three years thereafter for programs deemed not risk susceptible. Last year NARA reviewed all programs and activities they administer and determined those programs and activities were not susceptible to risk of improper payments. NARA is not required to review programs and activities they administer to identify those programs and activities that may be susceptible to significant improper payments until FY 2014.

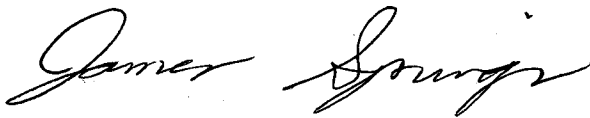
We reviewed NARA's internal control tests and reviews used to identify improper payments. We believe NARA instituted sufficient internal controls to identify improper payments.

As a result of our review, we believe NARA is in compliance with the intent of the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002, as amended. Because we had no findings we are reporting our results in this Audit Memorandum format.

As with all OIG products, we will determine what information is publically posted on our website from this memorandum. Should you or management have any redaction suggestions based on FOIA exemptions, please submit them to my counsel within one week from the date of this letter. Should we receive no response from you or management by this timeframe, we will interpret that as confirmation NARA does not desire any redactions to the posted report.

Should you have any questions concerning this effort, or require additional information, please contact me on (301) 837-3000.

Respectfully,



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