



Office of Inspector General
United States Department of State

The Honorable Christopher S. Murphy
United States Senate
136 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

March 23, 2020

Dear Senator Murphy:

I am writing in response to your March 11, 2020, letter to the Department of State (Department), Office of Inspector General (OIG). In your letter, you request that OIG investigate the Department's response to certain congressional requests.

OIG considers several factors when determining whether to initiate new work, including statutory requirements, available resources, our jurisdictional authority, and the existence of criteria against which to measure the Department's actions. Considering the various factors that are relevant to your request, OIG does not plan to initiate new work at this time.

However, OIG believes that the Department may have relevant information to address the questions that you raise, and you may want to seek this information directly from the Department.

If you have any questions, please contact me or the Director of Congressional Affairs, Ryan Holden, at ryan.d.holden@stateoig.gov or (571) 349-9259.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve A. Linick".

Steve A. Linick
Inspector General
U.S. Department of State

cc: Richard Delmar, Deputy Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Treasury
James Springs, Inspector General, National Archives and Records Administration
Joseph Cuffari, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Homeland Security