

PAT ROBERTS, KANSAS, CHAIRMAN
JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV, WEST VIRGINIA, VICE CHAIRMAN

ORRIN G. HATCH, UTAH
MIKE DEWINE, OHIO
CHRISTOPHER S. BOND, MISSOURI
TRENT LOTT, MISSISSIPPI
OLYMPIA J. SNOWE, MAINE
CHUCK HAGEL, NEBRASKA
SAXBY CHAMBLISS, GEORGIA

CARL LEVIN, MICHIGAN
DIANNE FEINSTEIN, CALIFORNIA
RON WYDEN, OREGON
EVAN BAYH, INDIANA
BARBARA A. MIKULSKI, MARYLAND
JON S. CORZINE, NEW JERSEY

United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6475

BILL FRIST, TENNESSEE, EX OFFICIO
HARRY REID, NEVADA, EX OFFICIO

BILL DUHNKE, STAFF DIRECTOR
ANDREW W. JOHNSON, MINORITY STAFF DIRECTOR
KATHLEEN P. MCGHEE, CHIEF CLERK

September 9, 2005 SSCI # 2005 3717

The Honorable Joseph E. Schmitz
Inspector General
Department of Defense
400 Army Navy Drive
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Schmitz:

The Committee is concerned about persistent and, to date, unsubstantiated allegations that there was something unlawful or improper about the activities of the Office of Special Plans within the office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy during the period prior to the initiation of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Senate Armed Services Committee and Senate Select Committee on Intelligence have both examined this issue. Both staffs have reviewed thousands of documents and conducted numerous interviews. Under Secretary Feith has appeared before both Committees to testify on this issue. I have not discovered any credible evidence of unlawful or improper activity, yet the allegations persist.

Accordingly, I request that you immediately initiate an investigation into the activities of the Office of Special Plans during the period prior to the initiation of Operation Iraqi Freedom to determine whether any of these activities were unlawful or improper. The Committee is specifically interested in knowing whether the personnel assigned to the Office of Special Plans, at any time, conducted unauthorized, unlawful or inappropriate intelligence activities.

I believe that an independent review into this matter may allow it to finally be resolved. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Pat Roberts
Chairman