From: "Hart, Erich O (OIG)" <harte@state.gov>

Subject: RE: Keystone

Date: May 14, 2013 7:01:40 AM EDT

To: Gabriel Elsner <gabe@checksandbalancesproject.org>

Mr Elsner

I don't like commenting for our Office of Investigations (INV) but want you to get an answer to your question. In a nutshell, INV like most other law enforcement organizations will not comment if it is engaged in an investigation. Your hotline is, however, being processed per the normal hotline procedures.

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From: Gabriel Elsner [mailto:gabe@checksandbalancesproject.org]

Sent: Monday, May 13, 2013 5:08 PM

To: Hart, Erich O (OIG) **Subject:** Re: Keystone

Hi Erich,

Mr. Colon mentioned on the phone that he was unable to answer that question and directed me to you. If you still would like me to follow up with him, do you have an email address for Mr. Colon?

Thanks and hope you feel better,

Gabe

On May 13, 2013, at 4:06 PM, Hart, Erich O (OIG) wrote:

Mr Elsner

Please direct that question to Mr Colon in our Office of Investigations. I am out on sick leave.

From: Gabriel Elsner [mailto:gabe@checksandbalancesproject.org]

Sent: Friday, May 10, 2013 03:35 PM

To: Hart, Erich O (OIG) **Subject**: Re: Keystone

Hi Mr. Hart -

If the hotline is moved out of the review process and onto the next step (an investigation?), will I be notified?

Thank you,

Gabe Elsner

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On May 9, 2013, at 8:27 AM, Hart, Erich O (OIG) wrote:

Mr Elsner

It is my understanding that you filed a hotline with OIG and recently contacted Special Agent Pete Colon to ask about the status of the complaint and what steps will be taken. Your request is being processed by the OIG hotline per its procedures and is under review. He will be in touch with you if he needs any additional information.

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