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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-6200

Dear Senator Grassley:

I am writing in further response to your letter dated February 24, 2009, in which you requested that the Office of Inspector General review the National Institutes of Health's alleged lack of oversight on conflict of interest by external institutions receiving agency grants, specifically, conflicts of interest surrounding Dr. Charles Nemeroff, Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, Emory University.

The Office of Investigations, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Justice, is currently reviewing issues involving Dr. Nemeroff and Emory University. As our inquiry remains active and ongoing at this time, no final determinations have been reached. As requested in your letter, once our inquiry into these matters is complete, we will contact you.

If there are any questions regarding this response, please contact me or your staff may call Claire Barnard, Director of External Affairs, at (202) 205-9523.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "TJ Menke", is written over a horizontal line.

Timothy J. Menke
Deputy Inspector General
for Investigations