

The Honorable Raúl Grijalva Ranking Member Committee on Natural Resources U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Donald McEachin Ranking Member Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressmen Grijalva and McEachin,

This is in response to your letter of October 2, 2017, in which you request an investigation into Secretary Ryan Zinke's use of taxpayer funds for Travel.

My office opened an investigation into the Secretary's travel on Friday October 29th, 2017. We will review your concerns during the course of the investigation. Upon its completion, Nancy DiPaolo, Director of External Affairs will contact your staff for a briefing.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 208-5745, or your staff may contact Nancy DiPaolo, at (202) 208-4357.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Kendall

Deputy Inspector General