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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva  
Chairman  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairmen Cummings and Grijalva,

This is in response to your letter of April 19, 2018, in which you requested the Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigate now former Department of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's use of private email to conduct official business.

Last year, the OIG began investigating the matter you presented contemporaneous to a related criminal investigation that we are coordinating with the Department of Justice (DOJ). In consultation with DOJ and to avoid any interference with the criminal case, we have decided to combine the investigations. When we write our final report of investigation, we will include information that addresses the issues raised in your letter.

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

Sincerely,

Gail S. Ennis  
Acting Inspector General

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