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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20436

February 5, 2009

The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 3 ("the Act"), we hereby transmit the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) for the period April 1, 2008 – September 30, 2008.

One audit report was issued during the reporting period: *Federal Information Security Management Act Fiscal Year 2008 Performance Audit* (OIG-AR-02-08, September 30, 2008). The audit resulted in 23 recommendations. One audit was ongoing: *USITC's Financial Statements for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2007 and the Commission's Management Challenges*.

Recommended corrective actions remained open on two audit reports.

- *Evaluation of the U.S. International Trade Commission's Fiscal Year 2005 Information Security Program and Practices Audit Report* (OIG-AR-04-05, Sept. 27, 2005). Four recommendations remain open on this report. Three relate to continuity of operation plans, which the Commission is in the process of updating. Another recommendation relates to an assessment of risk in one of the Commission's databases. This system is scheduled for replacement during this fiscal year.
- *Management Letter for the Fiscal Year 2007 Audit of the U.S. International Trade Commission's Financial Statements* (OIG-AR-01-08). Only one recommendation remains open, which recommended that the Offices of Finance and Human Resources establish, update, and document policies and procedures. The Office of Human Resources currently is working on its procedures. The Commission migrated to a new financial management system on October 1, 2008. Because many procedures would become obsolete after implementation of the new system, the Office Of Finance intends to establish, update and document policies and procedures for the new system during this fiscal year.

No inspection or evaluation reports were issued during the period.

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The Commission appreciates the work done by the Office of the Inspector General in assuring the effectiveness, efficiency, and integrity of Commission programs and operations.

The following information is provided in accordance with subsection 5(b) of the Act. The following statistical tables cover information described in subsection 5(b)(2) and 5(b)(3) of the Act.

5(b)(2) Audit reports with questioned costs:	
for which final action had not been taken by the commencement of the reporting period.	0
on which management decisions were made during the reporting period.	0
for which final action was taken during the reporting period.	0
for which no final action has been taken by the end of the reporting period.	0

5(b)(3) Audit reports with recommendations that funds be put to better use:	
for which final action had not been taken by the commencement of the reporting period.	0
on which management decisions were made during the reporting period.	0
for which final action was taken during the reporting period.	0
for which no final action has been taken by the end of the reporting period.	0

There were no audit reports during the reporting period on which management decisions have been made but final action has not been taken, as described in subsection 5(b)(4) of the Act.

Please contact me if you have questions on this matter.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure