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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

I am writing in further response to your letter dated February 24, 2009, regarding the National Institutes of Health's alleged lack of oversight on conflicts of interest by external institutions that receive agency funds. In particular, the circumstances surrounding Dr. Charles Nemeroff, former Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, Emory University.

The Office of Investigations, working with the U.S. Department of Justice, continues to review the issues involving Dr. Nemeroff and Emory University. Our inquiry remains active at this time and no final determination has been reached. We will provide your office with a status report once our inquiry has been completed.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may call Erin Lemire, Director of External Affairs, at (202) 205-9523.

Sincerely,

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

Timothy J. Menke
Deputy Inspector General
for Investigations