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

The Honorable Jim Banks
Chairman, Military Personnel Subcommittee
House Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Ranking Member Grassley and Chairman Banks,

I am responding to your letter of August 17, 2022, sent to the former Acting Inspector General (IG) of the Department of Defense (DoD). In the letter, you requested that the Acting IG conduct an independent review to determine whether the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Mark Milley, engaged in potential misconduct based on statements attributed to him in several books.

As a result of your letter, DoD Office of Inspector General personnel devoted significant effort to evaluating the four questions raised in your letter and reviewing available information and records to assess the facts. In considering this matter, my office reviewed four published books, General Milley's sworn testimony before Congress, previous testimony to DoD OIG investigators, and numerous other documents obtained from the DoD and public sources. DoD OIG personnel also reviewed DoD policy and processes, and applicable legal standards, to determine whether General Milley's actions comported with appropriate standards.

I personally reviewed hundreds of pages of documents, including classified and unclassified records, as well as compilations of information provided by DoD OIG personnel. I also requested and received additional documents from General Milley to ensure I had all available relevant and contemporaneous information on which to base my decision. I gave due consideration to all information and analysis that might support further DoD OIG inquiry into the matters raised in your letter. I considered these matters objectively and with full recognition of my responsibilities to provide effective oversight of the DoD's programs and operations, and to investigate allegations of misconduct by DoD senior officials when warranted.

After my thorough review and consideration of the foregoing, I have determined that further inquiry by the DoD OIG into the matters raised in your letter is not warranted. I thank you for raising your concerns for my office's consideration, and for your continued interest in ensuring that all DoD personnel comply with the laws, rules, and regulations governing their conduct.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. P. Storch', enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

Robert P. Storch