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Department of Defense Inspector General

RE: Unsupported Journal Vouchers

To Whom It May Concern:

I recently became aware of the following report issued in 2016 by the Office of the Inspector General <http://www.dodig.mil/pubs/documents/DODIG-2016-113.pdf>, which indicates on page 3 that the Army had \$6.5 trillion in “unsupported journal voucher adjustments”. This seemed to be some sort of error, given that the entire DOD budget is roughly \$600 billion. How could the Army have unsupported adjustments that were 10 times the entire annual budget? I still do not understand the situation. However, this prompted me to look for data on unsupported adjustments for prior years. I was able to find reports that indicated the amounts of unsupported adjustments for the DOD for 2005 (\$275 billion), 2000 (\$1.1 trillion), 1999 (2.3 trillion), and 1998 (\$1.7 trillion). In addition, I was able to identify documents that indicated there were unsupported adjustments for years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 (see for example <http://www.dodig.mil/pubs/documents/DODIG-2015-033.pdf> page 59). However, the actual amount of unsupported adjustments were not provided in the reports for these years.

With this letter, I am requesting documents for years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 that provide specific amounts for the unsupported adjustments. I have conducted a search through the Office of the Inspector General DOD website and have been unable to identify documents for these years that explicitly indicate the dollar value of unsupported adjustments. Any help in identifying such documents will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Cordially,



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