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The Honorable Lamar Smith  
Ranking Member  
United States House of Representatives  
House Judiciary Committee  
2138 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Smith:

Your July 9, 2009 letter to Department of Justice Inspector General Glenn Fine regarding the government's voluntary dismissals in *United States v. New Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, et al.*, Case No. 2:09-cv-0065 (E.D. Pa.), was referred to this Office for review. We also have seen and reviewed your May 28, 2009 letter to Acting Assistant Attorney General Loretta King regarding this matter. Please be advised that we have initiated an inquiry into the matter. We will contact you with the results of our inquiry once it is complete.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Department. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Assistant Counsel Mary Aubry on 202-514-3365.

Very truly yours,

Mary Patrice Brown  
Acting Counsel