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The Honorable David Walker
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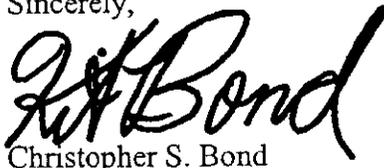
Dear Mr. Walker:

Pursuant to its oversight responsibilities, the Senate Committee on Small Business (Committee) initiated a review of travel expenses and practices at the Small Business Administration (SBA/Agency). In the course of that investigation the Committee has reason to believe that the SBA is not providing documents requested by the Committee. In addition, the SBA appears to be attempting to hide from the Committee travel expenditures of a career SBA employee by the name of Albert Stubblefield. It appears that Mr. Stubblefield is part of a number of SBA employees who regularly provide "advance" for the Administrator's travel.

Accordingly, the Committee requests that the General Accounting Office's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) review of all travel conducted by Albert Stubblefield since October 1, 1998. Specifically, the Committee requests that OSI interview Mr. Stubblefield and obtain copies of all SBA Standard Form 21's, Standard Form 1012's and receipts for any travel carried out by Mr. Stubblefield which are in his possession. The Committee is also interested in understanding what tasks Mr. Stubblefield undertook while conducting this advance work and the total cost of Mr. Stubblefield's travel for each of the past 2 fiscal years.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. As your efforts on this request proceed, please keep the Committee advised of your progress on a regular basis. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me or have your staff contact Paul Cooksey or Paul Conlon, on the Committee staff at 202/224-5175

Sincerely,



Christopher S. Bond
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Mike Enzi
United States Senator