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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Tristan Leavitt, President
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Dear Mr. Leavitt:

Thank you for your letter on March 6, 2023, on behalf of your client, former Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Steve Friend. In your letter, you asked us to confirm that the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General still intends to schedule an interview with Mr. Friend regarding his disclosures, to let you know when the interview is likely to occur, and for an update on the status of Mr. Friend's reprisal complaint. As we conveyed to your office in early February, we are interested in interviewing Mr. Friend about his allegations, which remain under assessment by our office. We will follow up with you shortly to schedule an interview.

Sincerely,

M. Sean O'Neill

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