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### Memorandum

To: Assistant Inspector General for Investigations

From: **Acting** Director *for Ernest Derringer*

Subject: Reply to Hubbell Trading Post Investigation [REDACTED] Ex. 2

This is the requested response to your January 23, 2008, memorandum describing your investigation regarding the integrity of a National Park Service (NPS) investigation at the Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site.

After careful review of the investigative report and several informal meetings throughout the past year with your staff, we agree with most of the report findings related to poor case management, concern over the relationship between the NPS and [REDACTED] the poor handling of evidence, and the overall poor management of the criminal investigation. In several instances, the agent provided inadequately researched information, demonstrated poor judgment and performance, and received insufficient supervision and direction. As soon as the related issues of the agent's performance came to our attention and prior to the issuance of your report, we took significant actions to address the agent's performance issues, [REDACTED]

As we have discussed, there are some disagreements over several aspects of the case report. Nevertheless, we have appreciated the opportunity to discuss these with you and your staff. We look forward to a continued positive working relationship with the Office of Inspector General for Investigations (OIG).