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Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 4:06 PM

To: 'khowell@cpb.org'
Cc: 'brichardson@cpb.org'; 'Mollick, Helen'

Subject: **Unresponded-to Dec 24, 2024 e-mail -- "Are CPB Inspector General Howell & Deputy Richardson Aware of Your Dec 5th E-Mail -- & Is It Acceptable to Them?"**

TO: [Corporation for Public Broadcasting Inspector General Kimberly Howell](#)

At 7:52 am on Tuesday, December 24th, I cc'd you and Deputy Richardson on the below e-mail addressed to your Counsel/Assistant IG for Investigations Helen Molluck.

Rather instantaneously, I received [an auto-reply e-mail from you](#) that you were out of the office until today. From Deputy Richardson, I got a bounce-back, which I then rectified at 8:14 am by [re-sending the e-mail](#) to a correct e-mail address for him.

Is it acceptable to you that, in your absence, I received NO response from either of them to my e-mail? Please advise – and furnish me with your answers to the questions my e-mail asks.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 24, 2024 7:52 AM
To: 'Mollick, Helen' <hmollick@cpb.org>
Cc: 'khowell@cpb.org' <khowell@cpb.org>; 'wrichardson@cpb.org' <wrichardson@cpb.org>

Subject: **Are CPB Inspector General Howell & Deputy Richardson Aware of Your Dec 5th E-Mail -- & Is It Acceptable to Them?**

TO: [Helen Mollick, Counsel to the CPB Inspector General & Assistant Inspector General for Investigations](#)

This replies to your below December 10th e-mail to my December 5th e-mail, also below.

Your December 10th e-mail misleadingly describes my complaints against NPR and PBS as about “their ‘suppression’ of news stories” – and goes downhill from there.

First, your e-mail does NOT respond, at all, to my questions:

- (1) “have [my] complaints [vs NPR and PBS] been reviewed by CPB Inspector General Kimberly Howell and Deputy Inspector General William Richardson III”?

- (2) “where can I find the amount of federal monies that CPB has given to NPR and PBS as ‘Community Service grants’, etc. over the past ten years? Does CPB provide this information to Congress in annual reports – and, if so, where can I find these reports and the congressional committees to which they were furnished?”

What are your answers to these four questions?

Second, inasmuch as your e-mail states “the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) occasionally refers complaints involving program content and presentation to one or both of the public editors [of NPR and PBS]”, here are two OBVIOUS questions. Why have my complaints not been similarly referred to the NPR and PBS public editors? What was the criteria for OIG referral of those other complaints, not here met?

Third, inasmuch as your e-mail states “Neither we nor CPB has any oversight authority or responsibility over either of the public editors” and “oversight or investigation of the public editors and content at local public media stations are not within the purview or authority of the CPB OIG”, here are three further OBVIOUS questions. Who has “oversight authority or responsibility” over the completely MIA public editors of NPR and PBS? – and, additionally, over their completely MIA management and boards of directors? Are you saying that their TOTAL nonfeasance with respect to fully-documented complaints of fraudulent, corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism can simply be ignored by CPB and its OIG, as you do by your kiss-off final sentence: “We consider this matter closed and will take no further action?”

Please advise, as soon as possible. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

Thank you.

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From: Mollick, Helen <hmollick@cpb.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 4:52 PM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>

Subject: RE: STATUS? --CJA's complaints vs NPR & PBS for stealing federal monies by their fraudulent, corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism, enabled by their sham "public editors" and MIA management & boards of directors

Dear Ms. Sassower,

As I promised in our phone call on November 4, 2024, we have reviewed the materials that you linked for us, detailing your complaints about New York public radio and public television stations, their “suppression” of news stories, your complaints about those stations to both the NPR and PBS Public Editors, and your subsequent complaints about both public editors.

After our review, we stand by the substance of our original response to you. While the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) occasionally refers complaints involving program content and

presentation to one or both of the public editors, this office is completely independent from both of them. Neither we nor CPB has any oversight authority or responsibility over either of the public editors. Also, CPB, NPR, and PBS are all independent non-profit public media organizations, each operating independently, each with its own Board of Directors and management.

It is clear from your messages and follow-up that your concerns are strongly held and expressed; unfortunately, oversight or investigation of the public editors and content at local public media stations are not within the purview or authority of the CPB OIG.

We consider this matter closed and will take no further action.

Sincerely,

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 1:09 PM
To: Mollick, Helen <hmollick@cpb.org>

Subject: STATUS? --CJA's complaints vs NPR & PBS for stealing federal monies by their fraudulent, corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism, enabled by their sham "public editors" and MIA management & boards of directors

TO: Helen Mollick, Counsel to the CPB Inspector General/Assistant Inspector General for Investigations

It is now a month since our November 4th conversation together, reflected by the below e-mail – and I have received no response from you as to the status of my fully-documented complaints against [NPR](#) and [PBS](#) for their fraudulent, corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism, enabled by their sham "public editors" and missing-in-action management and boards of directors.

What is the status of my complaints against them for thereby stealing federal monies – and have the complaints been reviewed by CPB Inspector General Kimberly Howell and Deputy Inspector General William Richardson III, who, with you, are the [Corporation for Public Broadcasting's "Leadership"](#) (& [here](#)).

By the way, where can I find the amount of federal monies that CPB has given to NPR and PBS as "Community Service grants", etc. over the past ten years? Does CPB provide this information to Congress in annual reports – and, if so, where can I find these reports and the congressional committees to which they were furnished?

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 3:53 PM
To: 'Mollick, Helen' <hmollick@cpb.org>

Subject: Following up our just-concluded phone conversation -- CJA's complaints to NPR & PBS pertaining to their fraudulent, corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism

Correcting typo in subject line of my below e-mail to you, sent in haste.

Apologies.

Elena Sassower

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 3:44 PM
To: 'Mollick, Helen' <hmollick@cpb.org>

Subject: Following up our just-concluded phone conversation -- CJA's complaints to NPR & PBS pertaining to their fraudulent, corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism

TO: Helen Mollick, Counsel to the CPB Inspector General/Assistant Inspector General for Investigations

Following up our just-concluded phone conversation, here is the direct link to [the webpage I created for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's Inspector General](#), with links to the webpages for CJA's fully-documented complaints to [NPR](#) and [PBS](#), starting with their "Public Editors"...

I look forward to your response, following your review.

Thank you.

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From: Mollick, Helen <hmollick@cpb.org>
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To: mail@judgewatch.org

Subject: FW: voice mail left by Elena Sassower on the CPB OIG Hotline

Here is the email.

From: Mollick, Helen
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 10:16 AM
To: cja@judgewatch.org

Subject: voice mail left by Elena Sassower on the CPB OIG Hotline

Dear Ms. Sassower,

We have received and reviewed your voicemail from last Thursday, October 24, 2024, left on the voicemail system at the Office of Inspector General for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Your message states that you have lodged repeated complaints with the management and leadership of both NPR and PBS, without receiving any response, and that you would like to talk about the Public Editors at both NPR and PBS.

While my office sometimes refers matters involving program content to both of those public editors, this office does not have any oversight responsibility or authority over either of those public editors or NPR or PBS. A phone call to discuss either of them would serve no purpose. Our mandate is to provide oversight of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's programs and operations. This primarily involves performing audits and evaluations of stations that receive CPB Community Service grants. Those grants make up 75% of the funds CPB receives.

Your message was not clear on whether you had or had not already contacted the NPR and PBS Public Editors. If your complaint is about NPR and PBS management or editorial responsibilities, you may want to consider direct contact with them at <https://www.pbs.org/publiceditor/> and <https://www.npr.org/sections/publiceditor/>

Sincerely,

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