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From Michael Sinko, Assistant Inspector General for Audits *ms*

Subject Audit of Security of Transporting High Value Objects, Number A-13-05

We are initiating this audit as part of our Fiscal Year 2013 Audit Plan. The overall objective will be to determine what processes are used by units in establishing security protocols and standards for transporting high value and high risk collection objects and what level of coordination exists within the Smithsonian for these transports.

We plan to hold preliminary meetings with your staff in order to obtain background information. Following these meetings, we will contact you to schedule an entrance conference to explain the objective, scope, and methodology of the review. Joan Mockeridge will be the Supervisory Auditor and Teena Propst will be the Auditor-in-Charge for this assignment.

Please contact me or Joan Mockeridge at 202.633.7050 if you have any questions or comments. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.