Date April 8, 2014
To Dennis Kelly, Director of the Smithsonian National Zoological Park
Steven Monfort, Director of the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute
Robert Lamb, Executive Director, Friends of the National Zoo
cc John Kress, Acting Under Secretary for Science
From Epin Christensen, Acting Inspector General
Subject Audit of the National Zoological Park Animal Care & Safety, Number A-14-02

We are initiating an audit to determine the effectiveness of current animal care operations at the National Zoological Park. We will assess whether the various animal care components are communicating and coordinating sufficiently to ensure the health and well-being of the animals.

We will be contacting you to schedule an entrance conference. Joan Mockeridge, Acting Assistant Inspector General for Audits, will be overseeing this audit. Teena Propst will be the Auditor-in Charge of this assignment.

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