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Mr. Gerald Werner
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Dear Mr. Werner:

This letter is in response to your February 25, 2008, e-mail communications addressed to the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General (DOT/OIG). In your communications, you alleged that the former Secretary of Transportation, Norman Mineta, failed to disclose the details of his capital gains income in Trimble Navigation stock options on his Calendar Year 2000, Public Financial Disclosure Report (PFDR). Additionally, you raised concerns that the Office of Investigations and Office of Audits within DOT/OIG have failed to share information that you have provided related to the Transportation Technology Innovation and Demonstration Program (TTID).

We reviewed your recent e-mail communications, as well as past correspondence, and have determined that your allegations involving former Secretary Mineta and the TTID Program have been previously investigated by our office jointly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and are unfounded. Further, in August 2007, the FBI provided you with a letter that included documentation from the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia indicating that no federal violation was identified, and the allegations were unsubstantiated. In regards to your concerns about communications within the offices of OIG, that information was shared with our audit counterparts and thus, our Office of Audits has been provided with all pertinent information in our possession related to the TTID Program.

Because the issues you raised to Inspector General Scovel in February 2008 have been investigated in a previous inquiry, we will not be conducting any further investigation into those issues and thus, you will not receive any further correspondence from this office. Thank you for providing us the opportunity to look into this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. Lee', written in dark ink.

Charles H. Lee, Jr.,
Assistant Inspector General for Investigations