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Inspectors General Host Event at Carter Presidential Center to Commemorate 40 Years of Excellence in Independent Oversight

On Friday, October 12, 2018, 40 years to the day that President Jimmy Carter signed the *Inspector General Act of 1978*, the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) will host an event at the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta, Georgia, to commemorate the impact of federal Inspectors General (IG). The event will be at the **Carter Center's Cyprus Room from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** and features:

• **The Honorable George Mitchell** delivering remarks on The Expansion of the Offices of Inspector General and the Importance of Good Government and Oversight

U.S. Attorney for the District of Maine (1977–1979); U.S. District Judge, District of Maine (1979– 1980); U.S. Senator, Maine (1980–1995); U.S. Special Envoy for Northern Ireland (1995–2001); Partner, DLA Piper

• The Honorable Stu Eizenstat delivering remarks on Crafting the Inspector General Act and Evaluating its Impact

Chief White House Domestic Policy Adviser to President Jimmy Carter (1977–1981); U.S. Ambassador to the European Union (1993–1996); Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for Holocaust Issues (2013–2016); Senior Counsel, Covington

Other speakers include current and former Inspectors General, including The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz (Department of Justice IG, CIGIE Chair), The Honorable Marjorie Fine Knowles (First Department of Labor IG, Former Georgia State College of Law Dean), and the Honorable Kurt Muellenberg (First General Services Administration IG). The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum will also display an exhibit to commemorate the Inspectors General throughout the month of October. A full list of speakers is available on our website <u>here</u>.

This event is open to the public. Press should register by emailing Michael Leary at <u>Michael.Leary@cigie.gov</u>. For more information and public registration, visit our website <u>https://www.ignet.gov/2018-commemoration</u>.

The *Inspector General Act of 1978*, as amended, established 73 independent Offices of Inspector General within federal agencies to provide oversight and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness throughout the federal government. Today, over 14,000 OIG employees work to detect and deter waste, fraud, abuse, and misconduct in federal programs and personnel. This work has resulted in recommendations for hundreds of billions of dollars of potential savings, tens of thousands of successful prosecutions, and transformational government reforms.

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