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Commemoration Conference
U.S. Capitol Visitor Center
July 11, 2018

Building on 40 Years of Excellence in Independent Oversight
8:00 a.m.  Registration

8:45 a.m.  Welcome from the Conference Co-Chairs
   Carol Ochoa, Inspector General, General Services Administration
   Dave Berry, Inspector General, National Labor Relations Board

9:00 a.m.  Opening Remarks
   Senator Charles Grassley, Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
   and Co-Founder and Chairman, Whistleblower Protection Caucus

9:30 a.m.  Keynote Address: The Real Legacy of Watergate
   Bob Woodward, Associate Editor, Washington Post

10:15 a.m.  Panel Discussion: Commemorating 40 Years of Impact
   Gaston Gianni, Former Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance
   Corporation
   Mary Kendall, Acting Inspector General, Department of the Interior
   David Williams, Former Inspector General, U.S. Postal Service
   Scott MacFarlane, Investigative Reporter, NBC4 Washington (Moderator)

11:00 a.m.  Panel Discussion: Congressional Views on Independent Oversight
   Senator Ron Johnson, Chairman, Senate Homeland Security and
   Governmental Affairs Committee
   Senator Heidi Heitkamp, Senate Homeland Security and
   Governmental Affairs Committee
   Paul Light, Goddard Professor of Public Service, New York University
   (Moderator)

11:50 a.m.  Lunch (On Your Own)

1:15 p.m.  Panel Discussion: Agency and Outside Perspectives on
   Independent Oversight
   William Barr, Former U.S. Attorney General
   Sylvia Burwell, Former Department of Health and Human Services
   Secretary and Office of Management and Budget Director
   Martha Minow, Professor, Harvard Law School
   Glenn Fine, Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense
   (Moderator)

2:15 p.m.  Panel Discussion: The Pillars of Independent Oversight
   David Apol, Acting Director, Office of Government Ethics
   Henry Kerner, Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel
   Daniel Levinson, Inspector General, Department of Health and
   Human Services
   Norman Ornstein, Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute
   Max Stier, President and CEO, Partnership for Public Service (Moderator)

3:15 p.m.  Break
3:30 p.m.  Panel Discussion: Preparing for the Next 40 Years of Independent Oversight

Margaret Weichert, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget
Michael Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice, and Chair, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency
Peg Gustafson, Inspector General, Department of Commerce
Susan Gibson, Inspector General, National Reconnaissance Office
Carrie Johnson, National Public Radio (Moderator)

4:30 p.m.  Closing

Michael Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice, and Chair, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

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