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**Cramer, Robert J**

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**From:** Cramer, Robert J  
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 5:11 PM  
**To:** 'Delaplaine, Bruce'  
**Subject:** RE: Vacancies Act Issues

Bruce,

Thanks very much for sending us your response to PEER. We have been in touch with the Solicitor's office at the Interior Department over the last several weeks to obtain the information they are required to file under the Vacancies Reform Act. We now have received a number of reports as required by the Act, and expect to receive additional information.

I want to let you know that as a result of a decision made here about a year ago, we plan to report, in accordance with our statutory mandate, only time violations of the Act. We are not reporting violations of the Act based on an acting official's qualifications to serve in that capacity. Thus any report we issue will not fully address all of the issues raised in PEER's letter. You can reach me at 202 512-7227 if you have any questions.

Bob Cramer

**From:** Delaplaine, Bruce [[mailto:bruce\\_delaplaine@doioig.gov](mailto:bruce_delaplaine@doioig.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 06, 2018 12:41 PM  
**To:** Cramer, Robert J  
**Subject:** Re: Vacancies Act Issues

Bob,

Per our previous discussions, I am enclosing our response to PEER on their Vacancies Act complaint. I was out of town all last week and I don't know if you learned anything more from your colleague who is out on a detail. As you can see from our response to PEER, we do not intend to conduct further inquiry but instead believe it is properly a matter for GAO to decide, if it decides to do so. I am also enclosing the original complaint from PEER. Please call me if you have any questions and let me know if you need a more formal referral of this matter to your office (if so, please identify who it should be addressed to and the address).

(I previously sent you the Secretarial Delegation of Authority memorandum.)

Thank you,

Bruce

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On Fri, Feb 23, 2018 at 4:03 PM, Delaplaine, Bruce <[bruce\\_delaplaine@doioig.gov](mailto:bruce_delaplaine@doioig.gov)> wrote:  
Bob,