

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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Disclosure

DISCLOSURE OF URGENT CONCERN

I come before you to file this disclosure because a Senate Intelligence committee staff report (SSCI #2006-4735) was issued on December 22, 2006, that was informed by the flawed and incorrect premises of a Department of Defense, Inspector General (DoD IG) investigation entitled: *Alleged Misconduct by Senior DoD Officials concerning the Able Danger Program and Lieutenant Colonel Anthony A. Shaffer, U.S. Army Reserve* (Report No. H05L97905217) issued on September 18, 2006.

The transcendent question in regard to Able Danger and the Senate Intelligence committee staff report is whether senior leadership in the DoD had made critical errors in terminating the Able Danger Program that had identified Mohammed Atta and then destroyed the data it had developed, and so had, in effect, been culpable in the success of the most significant terrorist attack in U.S. history on September 11, 2001, to include the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The abuse of authority and illegality of the DoD IG prevented accurate, complete investigative methodology and findings are part of ongoing failures by the DoD IG that place **the** warfighter/national security at grave risk, and that continued pattern of misconduct is in direct violation of Federal laws, rules, and regulations.

Another issue in the DoD IG report was a finding against LTC Shaffer in regard to the DIA suspension of LTC Shaffer's access to classified information and the question of whether the revocation of his security clearance was in reprisal for his communication with the 9/11 Commission and the Congress in regard to Able Danger.

The DoD IG having manipulated the evidence and methodology to produce negative findings in regard to the veracity of LTC Shaffer then extrapolated the false findings in regard to veracity to support revoking the security clearance of LTC Shaffer and remove him from DIA service.

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY INSPECTOR GENERAL JURISDICTION

The Intelligence Community Inspector General ("ICIG") has clear jurisdiction to receive this Urgent Concern as it directly impacts the handling of classified national security information. Pursuant to Executive Order 13467, *Reforming Processes Related to Suitability for Government Employment, Fitness for Contractor Employees, and Eligibility for Access to Classified National Security Information (2006)*, the Director of National Intelligence serves as the Security Executive Agent.

DOD IG VIOLATIONS OF LAW, RULE, AND REGULATION

The DoD IG mishandling of the investigation regarding classified information related to Able Danger violates the following:

- Title 18 U.S.C, Section 793, *Gathering, transmitting or losing defense information*; and
- ICD 703, *Protection of Classified National Intelligence, Including Sensitive Compartmented Information*.

JOHN R. CRANE

I am the former Assistant Inspector General for the Department of Defense (DoD IG). I served with the DoD IG from 1988 – 2013. As a Senior Executive (SES) I was responsible for the

DoD Hotline and established websites to receive both SECRET and TOP SECRET information from Title 10 military, Title 5 civilian, and Title 50 employees of the Intelligence Community (IC). I was also responsible for congressional liaison and the transmittal of classified information to the Congress, as well as, briefing Members and staff in regard to intelligence related work efforts and products by the DoD IG.

As the Assistant Inspector General for Communications and Congressional Liaison I had deep and direct knowledge of the investigative methodology and findings of the Able Danger report, as well as the internal debate within the DoD IG that challenged the direction and assumptions of the Able Danger report.

I was in routine contact with the professional staff of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees and the House and Senate Select Committees on Intelligence and provided briefings related to the progress of the investigation and attended the hearings conducted by Congress in regard to Able Danger. In addition to Congress and the media, I was in close contact with the Secretary of Defense to include the Assistant Secretaries for Legislative Liaison and Public Affairs in regard to the progress of the investigation into Able Danger.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, INSPECTOR GENERAL

Wikipedia:

The **Department of Defense Inspector General** is an independent, objective agency that provides oversight related to the programs and operations of the [United States Department of Defense](#). DoD IG was created in 1982 as an amendment to the [Inspector General Act of 1978](#). It is the largest office of the [Inspector-General](#) in the United States.

The office's mission is to promote integrity, accountability, and improvement of Department of Defense personnel, programs and operations to support the Department's mission and serve the public interest.

OVERVIEW OF VIOLATIONS AND DISCLOSURES

The DoD IG engaged in investigative misconduct regarding the methodology and scope of the investigation to include: 1.) Claim of Review of Non-Existent Able Danger Records; 2.) Discounted Existence of Mohamed Atta in Databases Reviewed by Able Danger; 3.) Alleged False Collective Memory of Able Danger Witnesses, and 4.) DoD IG Investigative Misconduct in the Manipulation of the Evidence to Include Testimony. [*See*: September 29, 2017, affidavit by John R. Crane.] **(Exhibit 1)**

This disclosure is made as it challenges the basis of the findings that informed the Senate Intelligence Committee staff report (SSCI #2006-4735) issued on December 22, 2006. The findings were informed by DoD IG report H05L97905217 issued on September 18, 2006. The affidavit of John R. Crane of September 29, 2017, challenges the investigative methodology and findings of the DoD IG to include abuse of authority and illegality by the DoD IG.

The false sense of trust placed by the SSCI on DoD IG findings has a significant impact on Intelligence Community Equities. Mr. Henry Shelley, the current DoD IG General Counsel, was the attorney who engaged in illegality and abuse of authority in the conduct of the Able Danger investigation and is the governing legal authority on all DoD IG work products.

Respectfully submitted,

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John R. Crane

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