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Telephone Interview with Grant Ward, former Assistant District Administrator, Boston District Office/current General Counsel, MetLife Insurance, Boston, MA

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

David Fielder and David Witherspoon:

On Wednesday, April 8, 2009, David Fielder and David Witherspoon called Grant Ward at MetLife Insurance in Boston, MA where he is General Counsel. Ward was an Assistant District Administrator in BDO until his departure in or around July 2000. Ward had given an on-the-record interview in Boston on March 31, 2009, during which he stated that he did not recall ever meeting with Harry Markopolos and Ed Manion in Boston, and did not recall any involvement with, or knowledge of, the Madoff matter.

The purpose of the call was to attempt to refresh Ward's recollection of events. Specifically, after his March 31<sup>st</sup> testimony, the OIG staff had discovered an e-mail from Silvestre Fontes to Ed Manion dated March 12, 2001 with the subject "Madoff" and stating, "I talked to Grant about this. I'll look for you and we can discuss." Fielder and Witherspoon had talked with Fontes about the e-mail a day earlier, and Fontes recalled neither the e-mail nor any conversation with Ward about Madoff. However, Fontes was confident that the email's reference to "Grant" must have been a reference to Ward. Like Fontes, Ward had no recollection of any such conversation. Fielder and Witherspoon also mentioned their understanding that Ward told Manion that he had forwarded the matter to NERO. Again, Ward had no specific recollection, but added that it would have made sense to forward it to NERO given "turf war" concerns present at the time. When asked who he likely would have sent the referral to in NERO, Ward identified Jason Gettinger (still at NERO) or Ed Nordlinger (retired) as the most likely recipient(s). He also mentioned Personal Privacy as a less likely, but possible recipient.