

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General



Inspector General

November 30, 2006

The Honorable Anthony A. Williams
Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2nd Floor, Suite 221
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

Dear Mayor Williams:

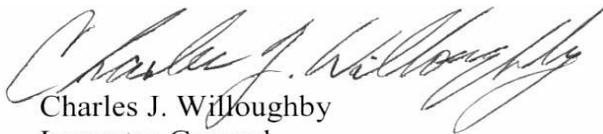
This report is to inform you of the results of an investigation that was conducted by Special Agent Larry R. Carr of this Office concerning Douglas Jemal, President, Douglas Development Corporation (DDC), and Blake Esherick, Senior Official, DDC.

On October 27, 2006, Jemal and Esherick were found guilty of wire fraud by a federal grand jury in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Esherick was also found guilty of two counts of tax evasion.

Jemal and Esherick face up to 20 years in prison for the wire fraud, and Esherick faces an additional penalty of up to 5 years on each count of tax evasion when sentenced by The Honorable Judge Ricardo M. Urbina. Jemal is scheduled to be sentenced on April 16, 2007, and Esherick is scheduled to be sentenced on March 15, 2007.

If you need additional information, please feel free to call me or Leonard C. Odom, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, on (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2003-0150.

Sincerely,


Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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