

The Honorable Dennis Schindel
Acting Inspector General
United States Department of the Treasury
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Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Mr. Inspector General:

I am writing in follow-up to the letter Democratic Leader Pelosi and I sent to you, through former Treasury Inspector General Rush, concerning reports of the use of civil servants of the Department of the Treasury to produce estimates of the cost of what purports to be Senator Kerry's tax plan. Attached is a copy of our earlier correspondence to your office.

I request that you include in your current investigation additional materials that have been issued by the Department of the Treasury on its webpage which further indicate the Bush Administration's misuse of government resources for political purpose. Attached is an article by Jeannine Aversa from the Associated Press on this matter.

The concern is quite simple. On April 9, 2004, the Department of the Treasury issued a series of Bush campaign statements masqueraded as news releases. Attached are Department of the Treasury press releases JS-1313-7. Four "April 15th Tax Day Reminders" describe the President's recent tax plans, budget proposals, job creation, and tax legislative accomplishments all for the purpose of concluding-in bold type at the end-that **"America has a choice: It can continue to grow the economy and create new jobs as the President's policies are doing; or it can raise taxes on American families and small businesses, hurting economic recovery and future job creation."**

The content of these press releases does not disguise the real purpose behind their issuance---election-year campaigning for President Bush. This is affront to the American public, particularly to the millions of American taxpayers required to file their tax returns tomorrow, as required by law. As earlier, I appreciate your consideration and timely response.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Rangel
Ranking Democrat