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**REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS THAT
A UNITED NATIONS STAFF MEMBER DEPLOYED WITH
THE UNITED NATIONS [REDACTED]
WAS INVOLVED IN THE THEFT OF
UNITED NATIONS FUEL**

REDACTED REPORT

ID Case No. 0781/06

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FROM:

SUBJECT: Report of the investigation into allegations that a United Nations staff member
OBJET: was involved in the theft of United Nations fuel

1. In [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] investigated the circumstances surrounding a vehicular accident, which allegedly occurred on [REDACTED] involving an [REDACTED] fuel tanker driven by [REDACTED], an [REDACTED] staff member.
2. [REDACTED] was alleged to have been driving in an area unrelated to [REDACTED] duties when the accident occurred. The amount of fuel in the truck was subsequently calibrated and it was found to be carrying [REDACTED] gallons of fuel in excess of the expected load. This was assessed based on the amount of fuel recorded as having been loaded into the truck at the start of the day and the amount recorded by [REDACTED] as having been delivered prior to the accident. This anomaly gave rise to a suspicion that [REDACTED] was in the process of stealing the excess fuel at the time of the accident.
3. [REDACTED] maintained that [REDACTED] had been directed by [REDACTED] to the vicinity of the accident scene to deliver fuel to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] refuted this proposition. [REDACTED] further stated that whilst *en route* to [REDACTED] was advised that [REDACTED] was critically ill and, as a result, [REDACTED] had deviated from [REDACTED] authorized route and was on [REDACTED] way to visit [REDACTED] when the accident occurred.
4. The [REDACTED] concluded that [REDACTED] had acted "inappropriately and in suspicious circumstances" and recommended disciplinary action. The matter was subsequently referred to the [REDACTED] for consideration of appropriate action against [REDACTED].
5. The [REDACTED] investigation also raised suspicions about the possible involvement in the fuel theft by [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. In [REDACTED] interview with [REDACTED] advised the investigators that on [REDACTED] had been instructed by [REDACTED] to deliver [REDACTED] of fuel to a person only

known as [REDACTED] was a person suspected by [REDACTED] of being involved in the theft of UN fuel.

6. By memorandum dated [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] referred the [REDACTED] investigation report [REDACTED] to the Investigations Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (ID/OIOS) for review and further investigation.

7. The ID/OIOS review and investigation, included, but was not limited to, interviews with all UN personnel who had knowledge of this incident, with [REDACTED] witnesses and [REDACTED] officials. The majority of these witnesses had been previously interviewed by [REDACTED]. However, as is often the case with witness testimony, the recollections of those involved had become clouded with the passage of time. When re-interviewed by ID/OIOS, many of these witnesses were unable to place events in chronological order and could not clearly recall specific conversations or events. This is not surprising given that they were being questioned about a relatively minor incident that had occurred some [REDACTED] earlier. Furthermore, in his interview with ID/OIOS, [REDACTED] retracted [REDACTED] allegation against [REDACTED] and claimed [REDACTED] had no knowledge of [REDACTED] involvement in facilitating the provision of UN fuel to [REDACTED].

8. All [REDACTED] were also interviewed, but none claimed to have any knowledge of fuel theft or of any involvement by a person named [REDACTED]. ID/OIOS was unable to identify and locate [REDACTED] for the purposes of interview.

9. The ID/OIOS investigation was also hampered by the lack of documentary evidence on which it could draw objective conclusions. Consequently, the inability of key witnesses to particularize the events and the lack of documentation makes it impossible for ID/OIOS to draw definitive conclusions.

10. Furthermore ID/OIOS has reviewed the [REDACTED] investigation report and considers its findings against [REDACTED] to be supported by the evidence gathered at that time. ID/OIOS therefore considers that any decision by [REDACTED] to take disciplinary action against [REDACTED] should be made by reference to the material contained in the [REDACTED] investigation. ID/OIOS further considers that given the circumstances of this case, it is not in a position to add value to that decision making process.

11. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

12. Thank you and kind regards.

cc: [REDACTED]
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