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From New York State Inspector General
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Statement by New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott Regarding Clinton Correctional Facility Escape Accomplice Joyce Mitchell's Guilty Plea

Today's plea by Joyce Mitchell makes clear her culpability in the systemic breakdown that led to the escape of two cold-blooded killers. I thank District Attorney Wylie for ensuring at my request that the plea agreement include full cooperation by Mitchell with my ongoing investigation. Nothing short of her full cooperation will be tolerated, and I am confident that when she fulfills this obligation, I will provide a thorough and complete accounting of all the factors contributing to this elaborate breakout, with an eye toward ensuring this never happens again.

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