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January 18, 2005

The Honorable Scott J. Bloch  
Special Counsel  
Office of the Special Counsel  
1730 M Street, N.W., Suite 300  
Washington, D.C. 20036-4505

Re: OSC File No. DI-04-2465

Dear Mr. Bloch:

As requested in your letter of October 20, 2004, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has investigated the allegations provided to your office by an employee of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). Enclosed please find the Report of Investigation (ROI) of the DHS Inspector General (IG). By letter dated December 17, 2004, my Executive Secretariat requested an additional 30 day time extension in order for DHS to complete a legal review of the ROI. In a subsequent communication, Ms. Catherine McMullen of your staff indicated the DHS report is due January 17, 2005. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1213, this letter and the enclosed IG ROI constitute the DHS report. I concur with the findings of the report that no violation of law or regulation was substantiated.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Tom Ridge

Enclosure



Homeland  
Security

December 17, 2004

Catherine McMullen  
Chief, Disclosure Unit  
Office of Special Counsel  
1730 M Street, N.W., Suite 300  
Washington, D.C. 20036-4505

Re: OSC File No. DI-04-2465

Dear Ms. McMullen:

We note that the response on OSC File DI-04-2465 is due to your office today. However, due to personnel transitions and other intervening events DHS has not yet completed its review of this matter. We respectfully request an extension of time until January 17, 2005, to submit our response to you. Please advise if this is acceptable.

Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Hill".

Ken Hill  
Executive Secretary



# Homeland Security

DEC 22 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Tom Ridge  
Secretary  
Department of Homeland Security

FROM: *Richard L. Skinner*  
Richard L. Skinner  
Acting Inspector General  
Department of Homeland Security

SUBJECT: Office of Special Counsel Referral  
OSC File Number: DI-04-2465  
OIG Case Number: I05-TSA-CHI-01544

Attached is our Report of Investigation (ROI) submitted in response to the subject Office of Special Counsel (OSC) referral. Our investigation did not substantiate the allegations that Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officials at Cherry Capital Airport, Traverse City, Michigan, failed to respond to reported security deficiencies at the airport resulting in a substantial and specific danger to public safety.

The original ROI is provided for your review and routing to OSC, in accordance with your memorandum to former Inspector General Ervin dated June 24, 2004, and as required by 5 U.S.C. 1213. A copy of this ROI will also be forwarded to TSA's Office of Internal Affairs and Program Review for any action they deem appropriate. Please provide this office with a copy of your outgoing transmittal letter to OSC so that we may close our file in this matter. Should you have any questions, please call me at (202) 254-4100, or a member of your staff may contact Elizabeth M. Redman, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 254-4042.

Attachment

cc: Jeff Johns  
Acting Assistant Administrator  
for Internal Affairs and Program Review  
TSA