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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Re: OSC File Nos. DI-05-0240 and DI-05-0405

Dear Mr. President:

I received disclosures from Shane Daly, a whistleblower at the Department of the Army, Directorate of Emergency Services, Fort Meade, Maryland. Mr. Daly, a former Civilian Police Officer, alleged that Lt. Thomas Russell, Supervisory Police Officer, often carries a privately owned weapon while on duty and sometimes loads it with privately owned ammunition. He also alleged that Lt. Russell used hollow point ammunition in military rifles on the firing range, and provided hollow point ammunition to other police officers to use on the range. Mr. Daly contended that, in doing so, Lt. Russell violated Army regulations and created a substantial and specific danger to public safety. As discussed in the attached Analysis of Disclosures, an agency investigation did not substantiate the whistleblower's allegations. Nevertheless, the investigation and agency report uncovered some irregularities that the agency determined would be corrected. This is to the agency's credit and to the benefit of other officers and the public.

I required the Honorable Francis J. Harvey, Secretary of the Army, to conduct an investigation into the whistleblower's disclosures pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 1213(c) and (d). The Secretary subsequently submitted a report to this office. Mr. Daly did not provide comments on the agency report to this office pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 1213(e)(1). As required by law, 5 U.S.C. § 1213(e)(3), I am now transmitting the report to you.

We have reviewed the agency report and have determined that it contains all of the information required by statute and the agency's findings appear to be reasonable. As required by § 1213(e)(3), I have sent a copy of the report to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Armed Services. We have also filed a redacted copy of the report in our public file and closed the matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. Bloch".

Scott J. Bloch

Enclosures