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The Special Counsel

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: OSC File No. DI-05-1173

Dear Mr. President:

I received disclosures from an anonymous whistleblower at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS), Las Vegas, Nevada. The whistleblower alleged that FAMS officials falsified internal reports regarding the deployment of Air Marshals for their own financial benefit, by overstating the number of flights covered by Air Marshals.

I required the Secretary, DHS, to conduct an investigation into these disclosures pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 1213(c) and (d). The Secretary, DHS, tasked the Office of Inspector General with conducting the investigation and writing the report.

As discussed in the attached Analysis of Disclosures, the agency investigation did not substantiate the allegations that FAMS inflated flight coverage statistics, or used inflated flight coverage statistics to justify bonuses for supervisory agents. The reasons for the agency's findings are explained in detail in the report, which is classified. The whistleblower did not provide comments on the report. As required by law, 5 U.S.C. § 1213(e)(3), I am now transmitting to you the classified report, along with a redacted copy for any public release.

I have reviewed the original disclosures and the DHS report. Based on that review, I have determined that the agency's report contains all of the information required by statute and that its findings appear to be reasonable.

As required by law, 5 U.S.C. § 1213(e)(3), I have sent a copy of the report to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and to the Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security. I have also filed a copy of the redacted agency report in our public file and closed the matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott J. Bloch".

Scott J. Bloch

Enclosures