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September 26, 2006

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

Re: OSC File No. DI-05-2056

Dear Mr. President:

I received disclosures from Mr. Charles Cape, a whistleblower at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of the Chief Information Officer, Wireless Management Office, Washington, D.C. Mr. Cape alleged that the failure to support wireless communications at the southwestern U.S. border has rendered the border unsafe for agents and vulnerable to terrorist infiltration.

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. We received the Secretary's report on January 3, 2006, and a supplemental report from the Secretary on June 5, 2006.

As discussed in the attached Analysis of Disclosures, the agency investigation did not substantiate the allegation that money allocated by Congress for wireless initiatives was improperly spent on non-wireless initiatives. The report acknowledged the need for adequate technologies for border patrol agents in the southwest, and cited the Secure Border Initiative and *SBI_{net}* as recent efforts to provide Border Patrol agents with the means to protect themselves against violence from criminal traffickers.

Mr. Cape provided comments on the report. As required by law, 5 U.S.C. § 1213(e)(3), I am now transmitting to you the report, the supplemental report, and the whistleblower's comments.

I have reviewed the original disclosures, the DHS reports and Mr. Cape's comments. 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.

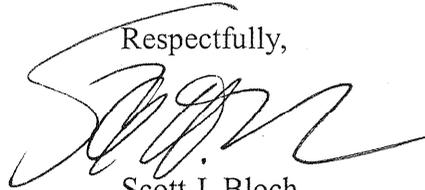
As required by law, 5 U.S.C. § 1213(e)(3), I have sent a copy of the reports and Mr. Cape's comments to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental

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Affairs, and to the Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security. I have also filed copies of the agency reports and Mr. Cape's comments in our public file and closed the matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Bloch', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Scott J. Bloch

Enclosures