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September 24, 2007

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

Re: OSC File No. DI-06-0961

Dear Mr. President:

I received disclosures from Mr. Frank Hood, a whistleblower at the Department of Defense, National Guard Bureau, North Carolina Air National Guard, 145th Airlift Wing, Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS), Charlotte, North Carolina. Mr. Hood alleged that civilian and military LRS personnel received excessive compensatory time and leave passes during deployments to Boise, Idaho, and Pensacola, Florida, in 2005.

I required the Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld, former Secretary of the Department of Defense, to conduct an investigation into these disclosures pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 1213(c) and (d). The Secretary tasked the Office of the Inspector General with conducting the investigation.

As discussed in the attached Analysis of Disclosures, the agency investigation did not substantiate the allegations that compensatory time or leave passes were improperly given. The investigation concluded that the numerous laws, instructions, regulations, and policies that address compensatory time are broad in nature and do not provide specific guidance on the appropriateness of awarding compensatory time during specific types of missions. However, the agency investigation did find that clearer guidance should be provided to prevent the appearance of fraud, waste, and abuse. As such, the agency's actions were within its discretion and were not improper.

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

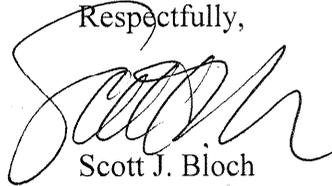
I have reviewed the original disclosures, the report and Mr. Hood's comments. Based on that review, I have determined that the agency's report contains all of the information required by statute and that its findings appear to be reasonable.

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As required by law, 5 U.S.C. § 1213(e)(3), I have sent a copy of the report and Mr. Hood's comments to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Armed Services. I have also filed copies of the agency report and Mr. Hood's comments in our public file and closed the matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott J. Bloch", written in a cursive style.

Scott J. Bloch

Enclosures