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The Special Counsel

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Re: OSC File No. DI-05-0995

Dear Mr. President:

I received disclosures from Maryann Zelenak, a whistleblower at the U.S. Department of the Air Force, concerning the activities of employees and former employees at the Space Battlelab, Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Ms. Zelenak, who consented to the release of her name, alleged that Col. Ron Oholendt, former Space Battlelab Commander, and Lt. Col. Allan Cassady, former Space Battlelab Chief of Concept Evaluation, violated 18 U.S.C. § 207 by engaging in illegal post-employment communications with federal employees in an attempt to influence the Space Battlelab to fund a project in which they had previously participated personally and substantially as government employees. She also alleged that Col. Patrick Rhodes, then Space Battlelab Commander, and other federal employees were aware of the illegal nature of these communications, yet allowed them to continue. As discussed in the attached Analysis of Disclosures, an agency investigation did not substantiate Ms. Zelenak's allegations.

I required the Honorable Michael W. Wynne, Secretary of the Air Force, to conduct an investigation into Ms. Zelenak's disclosures pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 1213(c) and (d). The Secretary subsequently submitted a report to this office. Ms. Zelenak provided comments on the agency report to this office pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 1213(e)(1)); her comments are enclosed. As required by law, 5 U.S.C. § 1213(e)(3), I am now transmitting the report to you.

Based on the representations made in the agency report and Ms. Zelenak's comments, I have determined that the agency report contains all of the information required by statute and the findings appear to be reasonable. As required by § 1213(e)(3), I have sent a copy of the report and Ms. Zelenak's comments to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Armed Services. We have also filed a copy of the report and a version of Ms. Zelenak's comments suitable for public release 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