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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Janet Napolitano
Secretary

FROM: Charles Edwards
Deputy Inspector General

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
United States Secret Service
Washington, DC

CASE NUMBER: I12-USSS-OSI-00876

Attached is our Report of Investigation (ROI) on the above subject.

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Attachment

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

I12-USSS-OSI-00876



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| <i>Case Number:</i> | I12-USSS-OSI-00876 |
| <i>Case Title:</i> | [REDACTED] [REDACTED] United States Secret Service Washington, DC |
| <i>Report Status:</i> | Final |
| <i>Alleged Violation(s):</i> | 18 USC § 1001 Statements or Entries Generally; 18 USC § 1505 Obstruction of proceedings before departments, agencies, and committees; and Ethics/Standards of Conduct. |

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated upon receipt of an allegation that [REDACTED] United States Secret Service (USSS), Washington, DC, [REDACTED] regarding the USSS' investigation into the alleged misconduct of USSS personnel in Cartagena, Colombia.

Specifically, it was alleged that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] In addition, it was alleged that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG), investigation developed no evidence that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Furthermore the investigation, thus far, has not developed any evidence that [REDACTED]. However, the DHS-OIG investigation has revealed [REDACTED] which merits further investigation by the DHS-OIG and will be addressed in a subsequent Report of Investigation.

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| Title: Acting Special Agent in Charge | Date: March 1, 2013 | | |

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The DHS-OIG consulted with the U.S. Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section, regarding the investigative findings. The OIG was informed that the findings did not merit prosecution.

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DETAILS

In June 2012, during the course of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG), investigation into the alleged misconduct by United States Secret Service (USSS) personnel in Cartagena, Colombia, the DHS-OIG received information alleging that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] USSS, Washington, DC, [REDACTED] the USSS' investigation into the alleged misconduct of USSS personnel in Cartagena, Colombia. Specifically, it was alleged that [REDACTED] concerning the Cartagena, Colombia, incident [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In addition, it was alleged that [REDACTED]

The OIG reviewed [REDACTED]

The following is an excerpt from [REDACTED]

Allegation #1: [REDACTED] concerning the Cartagena, Colombia, incident [REDACTED]

The OIG interviewed [REDACTED], [REDACTED] USSS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that the FFNs underwent a national security check in April 2012, which resulted in one match of the FFNs against a national security index. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had no knowledge of any subsequent investigation or interpretation.

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conducted by the USSS regarding the response. [REDACTED] did not have any knowledge and/or fact that [REDACTED] (Exhibit 4)

The OIG interviewed [REDACTED] personnel. In summary, the [REDACTED] personnel confirmed there was a database check conducted on the FFNs and it resulted in a response concerning one FFN, but they had no evidence that [REDACTED] (Exhibits 5-12)

The OIG interviewed [REDACTED], USSS [REDACTED] confirmed that a database check was conducted on the FFNs by [REDACTED], which resulted in what [REDACTED] determined to be a possible association. [REDACTED] took [the response] as a piece of information and characterized it as "not alarming," based upon [REDACTED] assessment. [REDACTED] assumed [REDACTED] did not have any knowledge and/or fact that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] believed that [REDACTED] (Exhibit 13)

The OIG interviewed [REDACTED] USSS [REDACTED] stated that the intelligence information that came back on the FFN consisted of a partial name match, "nothing more." [REDACTED] briefed [REDACTED] chain of command that there was one possible association. [REDACTED] advised that after a review of the IC response, [REDACTED] explained why it was not a positive response; they all backed [REDACTED] and thought it was a good assessment. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] the IC response was accurate and [REDACTED] did not have knowledge or fact that [REDACTED] (Exhibit 14)

The OIG interviewed [REDACTED] USSS [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] had knowledge that one FFN had a positive response for derogatory information based on the [IC] queries. [REDACTED] briefed [REDACTED] USSS [REDACTED], about the response. [REDACTED] felt that [REDACTED] was true and correct. (Exhibit 15)

The OIG interviewed [REDACTED], USSS [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] indicated that the result from the IC check on the FFNs was not a positive response and referenced the age of the record and lack of an exact name match. [REDACTED] stated that prior to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] USSS [REDACTED], that there had been a response on one of the FFNs, but there had been no confirmation and they were in the process of verifying the information. [REDACTED] further stated that [REDACTED] it was probably not the same person as the FFN involved in the incident (referring to the alleged misconduct by USSS personnel in Cartagena, Colombia). [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] based on the information [REDACTED] (Exhibits 16-18)

The OIG interviewed [REDACTED], USSS [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that the name checks were completed and all were negative, but then further clarified that they had a

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response on one partial name. In reference to the response, [REDACTED] concluded and subsequently [REDACTED] "This is not our girl, no issues."

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] there was "nothing there." [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] provided the OIG with a [REDACTED] which revealed the following excerpt, amongst other things: [REDACTED] did not have any knowledge or belief that [REDACTED] (Exhibit 19)

The OIG interviewed [REDACTED], USSS. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] none of the name checks contained information related to a "hit", [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] further told [REDACTED] one of the checks produced the same name as one of the FFNs, but [REDACTED] was not confident there was a match. [REDACTED] stated that the information was never verified so they were not comfortable saying it was a "match" or "hit" [REDACTED] why an innocent person was implicated. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] (Exhibit 20)

The OIG interview [REDACTED], USSS. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was aware there was a response, but did not know about the particulars. [REDACTED] did not communicate information on the response [REDACTED] outside of what was provided [REDACTED] by other directorates. [REDACTED], but did not address the response as it was not perceived as an issue at the time. [REDACTED] did not believe that [REDACTED] (Exhibit 21)

The OIG reviewed documents provided by the USSS. The review revealed a document with a cover page labeled [REDACTED]. The following is an excerpt from the document: [REDACTED] (Exhibit 22)

The OIG interviewed [REDACTED], USSS. [REDACTED] acknowledged that IC checks were conducted on all of the FFNs [REDACTED] there was no derogatory information reported. [REDACTED] reflected there was no derogatory information. [REDACTED] there was not a "hit." [REDACTED]

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██████████ one of the FFNs had a partial name “hit,” but she (FFN) did not have the same name and date of birth as the person with the “hit” and it was not a name “hit.”

██████████ stated that ██████████ informed ██████████ the interview of the FFN did not reveal any nexus to the “hit.” ██████████ advised that ██████████ that there was not a “hit” ██████████

██████████ stated that ██████████ compiled ██████████ ██████████, and ██████████ stated there ██████████

(Exhibit 23)

Following the DHS OIG interview ██████████ ██████████, provided the DHS-OIG with several documents, one of which was titled “Account of the U.S. Secret Service Incident on April 11-12, 2012, in Cartagena, Colombia,” that contained the following excerpt, amongst other things: “None of the women were tied to terrorist, drug or human trafficking organizations.” (Exhibit 24)

In November 2012, the DHS-OIG consulted with the U.S. Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section, regarding the investigative findings. The OIG was informed that the findings did not merit prosecution. (Exhibit 25)

Allegation #2: ██████████

The OIG investigation has not developed any findings, to date, which indicate that ██████████ involved in an attempt to ██████████ ██████████. However, the DHS OIG investigation has revealed ██████████ ██████████ which merits further investigation by the DHS OIG and will be addressed in a subsequent Report of Investigation.

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EXHIBITS

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
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| 1 | Memorandum of Activity, Predicate Document, dated June 28, 2012. |
| 2 | Memorandum of Activity, Other – Supplemental Case Predication, dated June 2012. |
| 3 | Memorandum of Activity, Other – Receipt and Review of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Related Documents, dated October 18, 2012. |
| 4 | Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED], dated December 3, 2012. |
| 5 | Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED], dated July 12, 2012. |
| 6 | Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED], dated June 27, 2012. |
| 7 | Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED], dated July 9, 2012. |
| 8 | Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED], dated June 28, 2012. |
| 9 | Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED], dated July 9, 2012. |
| 10 | Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED], dated July 16, 2012. |
| 11 | Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED], dated July 11, 2012. |
| 12 | Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED], dated December 4, 2012. |
| 13 | Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED], dated December 12, 2012. |

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- 14 Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED], dated February 8, 2013.
- 15 Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED] dated July 11, 2012.
- 16 Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED], dated July 12, 2012.
- 17 Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] dated July 12, 2012.
- 18 Memorandum of Activity, Telephone Contact – Telephone Interview of
[REDACTED], dated July 13, 2012.
- 19 Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED], dated
November 7, 2012.
- 20 Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED] dated
July 13, 2012.
- 21 Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED], dated July 11, 2012.
- 22 Memorandum of Activity, Other – review of USSS Documents, dated January 2013.
- 23 Memorandum of Activity, Personal Interview – [REDACTED], dated August 2, 2012.
- 24 Memorandum of Activity, Other – Receipt of Document (from [REDACTED]
dated August 13, 2012.
- 25 Memorandum of Activity, Telephone Contact – USDOJ Public Integrity, dated
November 20, 2012.

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