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MEMORANDUM FOR SUSAN BRITA
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR (AD)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

FROM: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL OPERATIONS (JI-I)

THRU: GEOFFREY A. CHERRINGTON
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SUBJECT: Case Closing Memorandum – H11H2518 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

The Office of Investigations received confidential allegations concerning (now former) GSA employee (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Director of Special Programs and Security, including that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

- carries a gun to work
- obtained a machine gun
- worked “relentlessly” to obtain a Special Deputy U.S. Marshall (SDUSM) badge and credentials
- Uses the take home “LE” (law enforcement) vehicle to park on the streets of DC wherever (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wants
- Brags that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) own LE placard
- Obtained “blocked” tags so the LE vehicle cannot be traced
- Places a special license plate in the window of the LE vehicle “to give the appearance” that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is LE and is authorized to park anywhere
- Bragged that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) team have re-written their job descriptions to include acquisition of the SDUSM credentials and AUO pay, which is typically reserved for the 1800 series

To evaluate the allegations, the Office of Investigations, Internal Operations Division, reviewed agency records and conducted interviews.

It is noted that on the day (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was interviewed, special agents learned that it was (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) last day on the job at GSA. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was taking a position in the private sector. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) voluntarily provided the following information in response to questions:



- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had “24/7” firearms carry authority from the SDUSM credentials, issued by the United States Marshals Office in support of a special classified program. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) carried a Glock model 19 (9mm caliber) issued by OERR, but locked the weapon up at home and in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) office.
- OERR obtained four 9mm-caliber MP-5 submachine guns. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) never deployed the MP-5s and has only used them for training and qualification.
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) does take home an OERR vehicle which (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has home-to-work authorization for.
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did obtain confidential license plates for the GOV in lieu of mounting the government vehicle license plates. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) displayed the confidential tags in order not to attract attention when going to meetings at “covered” facilities. (Covered facility generally refers to a physical site that is covertly used for government operations, often utilized by the intelligence community.)
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made a parking placard which stated “Emergency Response Official” and used it as well as an “Official Business” placard issued by the U.S. Marshals Service, in order to facilitate parking the GOV on the street in DC.
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did receive AUO pay, as a result of a memorandum prepared by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (former Acting Chief of OERR). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) PD was revised to reflect the AUO pay and firearms authority.
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was a GS-15, job series 0080 Security Officer.

The investigation determined that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) obtained SDUSM credentials in December 2008. The home to work authorization for selected OERR personnel, including (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was signed by Paul Prouty (former Acting Administrator) on March 13, 2009. On April 14, 2009, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) attended the Law Enforcement In-Service Driver Training Program at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. On April 30, 2009, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) requested emergency lighting and (non-GSA) Virginia license plates for two OERR vehicles. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) attended the Glock armorer’s course on May 21, 2009. GSA Order ADM 2430.1, signed by Acting Administrator Paul Prouty on June 19, 2009, created specific responsibilities for OERR, to include

- establish requirements and tasking for intelligence and counterintelligence collection and analysis programs to support the GSA continuity program

-[d]evelop, coordinate, and publish prioritized and validated requirements for the use of GSA transportation assets in support of emergency evacuation and crisis-related operations

-[f]orm and maintain a protective services detachment for the Administrator and designated officials to ensure their safe and efficient movement during national crisis operations

By July of 2009, OERR obtained 12 Glock model 19 semiautomatic handguns and four Heckler and Koch model MP-5 submachine guns. AUO pay for designated OERR personnel, including (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was approved on December 4, 2009.



Darren Blue, Associate Administrator for Emergency Response and Recovery was interviewed concerning the allegations against (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and voluntarily provided the following information:

- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) resigned in May 2011 to take a job in the private sector.
- Blue ordered government vehicles assigned to the OERR to display the government license plates.
- Blue changed red and blue (LE) strobe lights in OERR vehicles to red and clear which denotes "fire" or "emergency response."
- In December 2011, Blue voluntarily requested that OIG take custody of OERR weapons which are currently stored in the OIG secure storage vault.
- Blue stated he considers the 2009 home to work memo signed by Paul Prouty no longer valid. Blue will obtain a new home-to-work authorization memo for his employees as needed in the future.
- Blue stated that SDUSM credentials for his employees are no longer valid. The SDUSM program is under review by the US Marshal's Service. OERR employees no longer utilize the SDUSM credentials.
- OERR no longer uses "LE placards" designed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
- AUO has been rescinded for OERR employees, however, Blue remains open to implementing AUO in the future.

The evidence shows that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was authorized to carry OERR issued weapons, take a government vehicle home to work, and receive AUO pay. In addition, Blue took appropriate corrective action when OERR discontinued using the SDUSM credentials. Accordingly, the Office of Investigation contemplates no further action in this matter. The OIG will continue to secure OERR weapons until a transfer of custody is requested. An appropriate transfer or disposal of the weapons remains the responsibility of OERR.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).