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Limited-Scope Inspection of Embassy Nassau, The Bahamas



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OIG's limited-scope inspection of Embassy Nassau found the mission benefited from widely praised policy leadership, good interagency relations, and excellent resource management, though several problems in personnel management needed attention. It pursued its policy goals in a friendly environment that featured excellent cooperation from the host government.

Among its strategic goals, the mission realistically devoted most of its operational efforts to

three: counternarcotics and crime; assistance to American citizens and travelers; and nurturing the excellent bilateral relationship. In counternarcotics and crime, it had maintained the highly successful tradition of its predecessors. Less visible results attended the latter two goals, but the inspection found both of them to be the beneficiaries of dedicated and energetic professionalism.

The embassy's heavily law enforcement-oriented mission gave it an unusual imbalance of 37 direct-hire Department of State employees and 106 full-time representatives of seven other agencies. The post also housed a long-established and very successful antinarcotics command center. The agencies consider themselves well supported.

The embassy's support infrastructure needed strengthening in information management and in its ability to respond to growing commercial and investment interest in the Bahamas. The inspection noted that a new locally employed staff position was needed, and two vacant ones should be filled.

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