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The President  
The White House  
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Re: OSC File No. DI-03-1637

Dear Mr. President:

I received disclosures from a whistleblower at the Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), Department of Law Enforcement (DLES), U.S. Army, that officials at that facility were engaged in gross mismanagement and activities that resulted in a substantial and specific danger to public health and safety. The whistleblower was particularly concerned that mismanagement of the security program could allow unauthorized individuals access to sensitive APG facilities and compromise APG's ability to respond to threats and emergencies.

The whistleblower in this case requested anonymity. As discussed further in the attached report, the agency partially substantiated the whistleblower's allegations.

Specifically, the whistleblower alleged that John Furmankiewicz, a lead dispatcher with the DLES Communication Center at APG, did not follow security procedures and regulations for admitting individuals to highly sensitive areas of the facility and, instead, granted admission to individuals based on voice recognition. The whistleblower alleged that Mr. Furmankiewicz instructed other employees to admit individuals solely on voice recognition. The whistleblower also alleged that Mr. Furmankiewicz frequently turned off the teletype machine in the DLES Communication Center which is used to obtain critical information regarding potential security threats and/or criminal activity from law enforcement agencies and the Department of Homeland Security. Finally, the whistleblower alleged that on several occasions Mr. Furmankiewicz made statements the whistleblower and other employees considered threatening including statements regarding shooting dispatchers from a nearby water tower and taking hostages.

I required the Secretary of Defense to conduct an investigation into these disclosures pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 1213(c) and (d). The Secretary of Defense referred the matter to the Secretary of the Army. Authority to review and sign the report was delegated to former Mr. Reginald J. Brown, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs). The whistleblower declined to comment on the report. As required by law, 5 U.S.C. § 1213(e)(3), I am now transmitting the report to you.

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

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

Respectfully,

Scott J. Bloch

Enclosure