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Report Number 25-01

Report Summary

This is a summary of GPO OIG Report Number 25-01. The full report was provided to GPO leadership and congressional committees of jurisdiction. However, the report contains sensitive information about GPO's Security Program and potential vulnerabilities prohibiting public release.

What We Did

The OIG inspection team assessed whether the security screening of personnel, mail, and freight at the GPO Central Complex in Washington, DC, and the Stennis Secure Production Facility at the Stennis Space Center, Mississippi, is in accordance with applicable guidelines. Specifically, we conducted penetration tests, conducted tabletop exercises at both locations and assessed the effectiveness of security policies and procedures at GPO. We also reviewed laws, regulations, policies, and procedures, interviewed Agency personnel, and reviewed prior reports related to our objective. This inspection was performed in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation.

What We Found

We found controls were in place and generally effective. However, we identified opportunities to further improve physical security at both locations. Our report contained two findings:

Finding 1. Although security screening procedures at GPO were comprehensive, some procedures could be improved to enhance their effectiveness.

Finding 2. The Uniformed Police Branch's manpower shortage, hiring practices, and limited training oversight adversely affected its mission.

What We Recommend

Our report contains 12 recommendations designed to improve physical security at GPO. The Agency concurred with all recommendations. Based on the actions initiated during our review, one recommendation is considered closed.



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