



DHS OIG INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

CIA OIG Employee Whistleblower Retaliation Complaint

Unclassified Summary

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In February 2016, the Inspector General for the Intelligence Community (ICIG), I. Charles McCullough, asked the DHS OIG to review a Presidential Policy Directive 19 ("PPD-19") complaint filed by [REDACTED], a former CIA employee. The DHS OIG accepted the request, and in August 2016, the DHS OIG determined that it would conduct a full Whistleblower Retaliation Investigation.

In the complaint [REDACTED], a former CIA OIG Special Agent, alleged that CIA OIG officials, including former CIA IG, David Buckley, suspended [REDACTED] security clearance and placed [REDACTED] on administrative leave as retaliation for [REDACTED] providing information and assistance to an ICIG official. [REDACTED] alleged that [REDACTED] assisted an ICIG official who was conducting an official inspection into CIA OIG activities. [REDACTED] alleged that as required by 50 U.S.C. § 3033(g)(2), [REDACTED] provided assistance and shortly thereafter CIA OIG officials scolded [REDACTED] for cooperating without having first told CIA OIG officials, and then on April 30, 2014 suspended [REDACTED] clearance and placed [REDACTED] on administrative leave.

The DHS OIG completed its investigation and substantiated some of [REDACTED] allegations. Specifically, the DHS OIG determined that the CIA OIG opened a "retaliatory investigation" against [REDACTED] because of [REDACTED] cooperation with an ICIG official, which is protected activity under PPD-19. While conducting the retaliatory investigation, the CIA OIG discovered other, unrelated derogatory information, which it used, along with [REDACTED] protected activity, to suspend [REDACTED] clearance and place [REDACTED] on administrative leave. The DHS OIG made one recommendation and has referred the complete Classified Report of Investigation to the CIA to determine appropriate corrective action.

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