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REGION/OFFICE: Special Investigations Division (SID)

TITLE: (b) (7)(C)

NARRATIVE:

SUBJECT IDENTIFICATION:

(b) (7)(C)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Office of Inspector General (OIG), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (7)(C)

BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION:

This investigation was initiated based upon notification from (b) (7)(C)
(b) (7)(C) HUD, OIG, (b) (7)(C) Washington, DC, that (b) (7)(C) admitted that (b) (7)(C) Government
Travel Card (GTC) for personal expenditures (Exhibit 1).

POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS:

Potential Criminal Violations –

- Title 18 United States Code §641 – Theft of public money, property or records
- Title 18 United States Code §1001 – False Statements

(b) (7)(C)

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Potential Administrative Violations –

(b) (7)(C)

- Misuse of government issued credit card
- Failure to pay government credit card bills in a timely fashion

SYNOPSIS:

This investigation determined that **(b) (7)(C)** Citibank issued GTC for 38 personal expenditures totaling \$3298.86, between October 17, 2014 through March 1, 2015.

(b) (7)(C) GTC, for personal use, after **(b) (7)(C)** Automated Teller Machine (ATM) card around September 2014. Additionally, **(b) (7)(C)** personal ATM card four (4) other times and used **(b) (7)(C)** GTC for personal expenditures each of the four (4) times, until **(b) (7)(C)** received replacement personal ATM cards. **(b) (7)(C)** reported that while **(b) (7)(C)** knew it was wrong to use **(b) (7)(C)** GTC while not on official travel, **(b) (7)(C)** did not realize it was serious enough to warrant an investigation.

Furthermore, between November 14, 2014 and January 14, 2015 **(b) (7)(C)** exceeded the 61 days allotted to repay the total charges incurred on **(b) (7)(C)** GTC, and thus became “delinquent,” in the repayment of the card charges. **(b) (7)(C)** did; however, repay the outstanding balance during the billing period that ended February 14, 2015, and at that time, had an ending balance of \$23.52.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

On March 5, 2015, **(b) (7)(C)** reported, to the Office of Investigations (OI), that **(b) (7)(C)** admitted **(b) (7)(C)** misused **(b) (7)(C)** GTC, and provided an excel spreadsheet titled “Office of Audit Unmatched Travel transactions,” which identified all expenditures on **(b) (7)(C)** GTC that occurred outside of official travel dates or in absence of travel authorization.

On March 11, 2015, **(b) (7)(C)** HUD, OIG, **(b) (7)(C)** Washington, DC, provided copies of **(b) (7)(C)** Citibank statements and unbilled transaction history from November 14, 2014 – February 14, 2015 to SID (Exhibit 2). **(b) (7)(C)** Citibank charges were reviewed and compared to **(b) (7)(C)** travel authorization history, and annotated on a spreadsheet compiled by **(b) (7)(C)**. A review of those records, by SID, revealed **(b) (7)(C)** utilized **(b) (7)(C)** GTC for unauthorized expenditures, totaling \$3,298.86.

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On March 17, 2015, (b) (7)(C) was interviewed by SID (Exhibit 3). (b) (7)(C) admitted (b) (7)(C) GTC for numerous personal expenditures over a period of several months. (b) (7)(C) appeared to be extremely remorseful, and stated (b) (7)(C) stopped using (b) (7)(C) GTC for personal expenditures when (b) (7)(C) received an email from (b) (7)(C) asking (b) (7)(C) to explain the charges that did not coincide with official travel. (b) (7)(C) stated it was then that (b) (7)(C) replacement personal ATM card, and also applied for and received a personal credit card. (b) (7)(C) used the GTC because, prior to this investigation, (b) (7)(C) did not have a personal credit card.

DISPOSITION:

(b) (7)(C) this investigation did not produce any evidence of criminal misconduct regarding (b) (7)(C)

EXHIBITS:

1. Advice of Investigation, dated March 6, 0215.
2. Memorandum of Activity, Document Receipt and Review, dated March 5-11, 2015.
3. Memorandum of Interview (b) (7)(C) dated March 17, 2015.

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