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REGION/OFFICE: SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

TITLE: ERIC LIPPOLD

NARRATIVE:

SUBJECT IDENTIFICATION:

(b) (7)(C)

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

(b) (7)(C)

Washington, DC

BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION:

This investigation was initiated based on a referral from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of the inspector General (OIG), [REDACTED] (b) (7)(C) Washington, DC, who alleged that [REDACTED] had been harassing [REDACTED] via [REDACTED] "work email and personal email" and that [REDACTED] was in fear for [REDACTED] personal safety." (Exhibit 1)

(b) (7)(C)

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POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS:**Potential Criminal Violations –**

- Title 18 U.S. Code § 1001 – False Statement.
- Title 18 U.S. Code § 641 – Theft of Public money, property or records

Potential Administrative Violations –

(b) (7)(C)

- Misuse/theft/unauthorized possession of Government Property or funds
- Unprofessional conduct on duty.

SYNOPSIS:

This investigation established that (b) (7)(C) did not threaten or harass (b) (7)(C) through the use of his HUD-OIG equipment or resources as alleged. In addition, (b) (7)(C) made numerous requests, to (b) (7)(C) to stop contacting (b) (7)(C) through (b) (7)(C) HUD-OIG official email as well as to stop contacting (b) (7)(C) in general.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

On (b) (7)(C) was interviewed by HUD, OIG, Special Investigations Division (SID), Washington, DC (Exhibit 2). (b) (7)(C) has not seen or spoken to (b) (7)(C) since October 20, 2014, and that (b) (7)(C) to avoid fraudulent allegations by (b) (7)(C) have only communicated through email since October 20, 2014 and that (b) (7)(C) has only responded to email and text messages, from (b) (7)(C), utilizing his HUD-OIG issued equipment, but (b) (7)(C) has not initiated this communication. (b) (7)(C) initiated communication with (b) (7)(C) utilized (b) (7)(C) personal email or telephone.

(b) (7)(C) informed SID that (b) (7)(C) but was informed that since (b) (7)(C)

On (b) (7)(C) was interviewed by SID (Exhibit 3). (b) (7)(C) expressed concern that (b) (7)(C) would find out that (b) (7)(C) contacted HUD-OIG and (b) (7)(C) reporting this to (b) (7)(C)

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HUD-OIG would "escalate" the retribution (b) (7)(C) SID that (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) has been harassing (b) (7)(C) through email and that (b) (7)(C) is concerned about (b) (7)(C) safety. (b) (7)(C) SID that the emails are a "small part" and that (b) (7)(C) is concerned about "issues from the past." (b) (7)(C) has verbally and physically abused (b) (7)(C) in the past.

(b) (7)(C) was asked about threats/harassment that (b) (7)(C) made toward (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) did not "actually" threaten (b) (7)(C) was verbally abusive by "name calling" through emails and text messages. (b) (7)(C) added that (b) (7)(C) does have emails from (b) (7)(C) HUD-OIG account but that it would take time for (b) (7)(C) to locate them

When (b) (7)(C) was asked if (b) (7)(C) stated "No, it (b) (7)(C) Without a verbal threat... They (b) (7)(C) It hasn't been physical since before 2010...Just verbal (abuse)...Ass chewed out."

(b) (7)(C) that since the divorce paperwork was filed, "(I) haven't heard the sound of (b) (7)(C) voice since October. I'd be surprised if I was the initiator in email. (b) (7)(C) hasn't texted me in a month. I don't think (b) (7)(C) would use the HUD phone... (b) (7)(C) usually real careful about that. (b) (7)(C) told me not to contact (b) (7)(C) at work or use (b) (7)(C) HUD email."

(b) (7)(C) said that (b) (7)(C) has not been (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C) is "Always diligent about staying off work resources." "(b) (7)(C) HUD, OIG, Washington, DC) doesn't like him (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) is watching (b) (7)(C) email."

On (b) (7)(C) was contacted by SID (Exhibit 4). (b) (7)(C) that on (b) (7)(C) to provide awareness of alleged harassment and previous domestic violence against (b) (7)(C) also stated that he had no evidence of or knowledge of any incidents/contact of a concerning nature involving (b) (7)(C).

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On (b) (7)(C) in order to ascertain if there were (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) showed (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C)

On (b) (7)(C) SID conducted an email review of (b) (7)(C) official HUD-OIG email account for the period of October 1, 2015-March 9, 2015 (**Exhibit 6**). This review showed no evidence that (b) (7)(C) utilized (b) (7)(C) official HUD-OIG email to threaten or harass (b) (7)(C). Both parties communicated back and forth throughout the dates of this email review. In addition, (b) (7)(C) on numerous occasions to stop emailing (b) (7)(C) HUD-OIG email and to stop contacting (b) (7)(C) further advised (b) (7)(C) to contact (b) (7)(C) via (b) (7)(C) attorney.

DISPOSITION:

(b) (7)(C) SID is administratively closing this matter to file and contemplates taking no further action regarding this matter (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

EXHIBITS:

1. Advice of Investigation, dated March 9, 2015.
2. Memorandum of Interview, (b) (7)(C) dated March 10, 2015.
3. Memorandum of Interview, (b) (7)(C) dated March 10, 2015.
4. Memorandum of Activity, (b) (7)(C) dated March 11, 2015.
5. Memorandum of Activity, (b) (7)(C) dated March 11, 2015.
6. Memorandum of Activity, (b) (7)(C) official HUD-OIG email review, dated March 19 & 20, 2015.

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