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March 17, 2025
Ref: DODOIG-2024-000130

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: john@greenewald.com

Mr. John Greenewald
The Black Vault
27305 W. Live Oak Road, Suite 1203
Castaic, CA 91384

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all remaining, unreleased records, that were generated within DoD/OIG case 20210505-071182 (Luis Elizondo's hotline complaint). We received your request on November 27, 2023, and assigned it case number DODOIG-2024-000130.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

The Administrative Investigations Component and Defense Hotline Directorate conducted a search and located records responsive to your request. Upon review, we determined that 83 pages were part of the records release for your prior request (DODOIG-2023-000516). In an effort to minimize duplication efforts we have not included those records as part of this response. We have also determined that 13 pages are appropriate for release in part pursuant to the following FOIA:

- (b)(5), which protects communications that are part of the deliberative process. The purpose for withholding such recommendations is to encourage the free and candid exchange of opinions and advice during the decision-making process. In applying the foreseeable harm standard, we determined that disclosure of this information is likely to diminish the candor of agency deliberations in the future;
- (b)(6), that protects the names, addresses, phone numbers and personally identifying information of DoD OIG personnel and third parties contained within the documents, the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7)(C), which protects personal information in law enforcement records; and
- b)(7)(E), which protects the disclosure of techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions.

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Our review included consideration of the foreseeable harm standard, as stated in DoDM 5400.07. Under this standard, the content of a particular record should be reviewed and a determination made as to whether the DoD Component reasonably foresees that disclosing it, given its age, content, and character, would harm an interest protected by an applicable exemption.

If you consider this an adverse determination, you may submit an appeal. Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 days of the date of this letter, clearly identify the determination that you would like to appeal, and reference to the FOIA case number above. Send your appeal via mail to the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, ATTN: FOIA Appellate Authority, Suite 10B24, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350-1500, via email to foiaappeals@dodig.mil, or via facsimile to 571-372-7498. Please note that FOIA appeals can only examine adverse determinations concerning the FOIA process. For more information on appellate matters and administrative appeal procedures, please refer to 32 C.F.R. Sec. 286.9(e) and 286.11(a).

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at FOIAPublicLiaison@dodig.mil, or by calling 703-604-9785, for any further assistance with your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. However, OGIS does not have the authority to mediate requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974 (request to access one's own records).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Derrica Stone at 703-604-9775 or via email to foiarequests@dodig.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Gonzalez".

Barbara Gonzalez
Division Chief
FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Enclosure(s):
As stated

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To: ISS; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] OSD OUSD INTEL (USA); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] OSD OUSD INTEL (USA); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] OSD OUSD INTEL (USA)
Subject: (U//CUI) 20210505-071182-CASE-04 P3 INFO Referral - DOWNLOAD REQUIRED (b) (6)
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, OIG DoD

From: HOTLINEDONOTREPLY
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:38 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Important Information Regarding DoD Hotline Complaint 20210505-071182

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Dear Mr. Luis D. Elizondo:

The Department of Defense (DoD) Hotline received your complaint.

What to expect depending on the nature of your complaint:

- **NEW COMPLAINT:** Your complaint has been assigned to a Hotline investigator for review. If it's appropriate for another agency to investigate your complaint, it will be forwarded to the appropriate agency. You will be contacted only if additional information is needed. Once a case is opened, we will not discuss its progress, and we will not respond to status requests. You will be notified when your complaint is closed. At that time you will be provided instructions on how to submit a records request through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).
- **DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS:** Equal Employment Opportunity (Civilian) and Equal Opportunity (Military) complaints cannot be processed by the DoD Hotline. Failure to file a complaint with your appropriate agency's EEO or EO office within the timeframes specified in EEO guidelines may forfeit your rights under the EEO Act and Title VII. Your local EEO or EO office, as well as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) at <http://www.eeoc.gov/> and the DoD Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity (ODMEO) at <http://diversity.defense.gov/> can provide further information and guidance.
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** If you submitted additional information or consent to release your identity for investigating your complaint, the Hotline staff will process this information upon receipt.

Information concerning types of complaints the DoD accepts for review can be found at www.dodig.mil/hotline.

You may have just made a "protected communication" under Whistleblower Protection Laws. If you suffer retaliation for filing this complaint you may file a Reprisal complaint. To learn more please refer to the Department of Defense Whistleblower Program website at www.dodig.mil/programs/whistleblower.

Sincerely,

The DoD Hotline Team

FROM: (b) (7)(E)
SUBJECT: FW: From " (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) " (Fax Message NO.1042)
DATE: 05/04/2021 14:19:06

From: (b) (7)(E)
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 2:13:59 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: Internal DoD Hotline
Subject: From " (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) " (Fax Message NO.1042)

This E-mail was sent from " (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) " (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Queries to: (b) (7)(E)

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , OIG DoD
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 3:15 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , OIG DoD
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , OIG DoD; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , OIG DoD; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , OIG DoD; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , OIG DoD
Subject: RE: Department of Defense Hotline case number 20210505-071182-CASE-01 - Request for Assistance by ISO

CUI

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) :

Department of Defense Hotline case number 20210505-071182-CASE-02 is an open and ongoing investigation assigned to the Directorate for Whistleblower Retaliation Investigations (WRI). I have included the current WRI Investigators (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on this email.

Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Hotline Investigator

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 9:45 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @DODIG.MIL>
Subject: Assistance

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ,

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Can you provide the WRI Investigator name or tell me if WRI is still reviewing reprisal allegation D-CATSe 20210505-071182-CASE-02? Thank you.

Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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DoD

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To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OIG DoD
Subject: Assistance

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

Can you provide the WRI Investigator name or tell me if WRI is still reviewing reprisal allegation D-CATSe 20210505-071182-CASE-02? Thank you.

Respectfully,

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OIG DoD

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 10:18 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD
Subject: WRI D-CATS Case Number

Good morning, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

I'm (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and I am working the senior official case for Complainant Luis Elizondo. I need your assistance to obtain Complainant Luis Elizondo WRI D-CATS number to complete my CIR. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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, OIG DoD

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 5:20 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD
Subject: [Secure] Department of Defense Hotline case number 20210505-071182 - Management Update Email
Attachments: Contact 1 WS.pdf
Importance: High

CUH

(b) (6),
(b) (7) :

This is a Management Update Email.

I have initiated Department of Defense Hotline case number 20210505-071182 regarding the allegations against personnel assigned to the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence (OUSD(I)).

Narrative:

Complainant Alleges Abuse of Authority, False Statements, Violation of Regulations and Civilian Reprisal against (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for denying to the public that the complainant was a member of the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP), in efforts to provide misleading or false information to the America public regarding Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and other related UFO information.

Case-01 was sent to the Directorate for Investigations of Senior Officials (ISO) regarding the two SIES senior officials.

Case-02 was referred to the Directorate for Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations (WRI) for review.

Case-03 was referred to the Deputy inspector General for evaluations (ISPA) regarding allegations against personnel assigned to the OUSD(I)).

I sent the complainant an DoD Hotline Acknowledgement email, as the complaint was received via facsimile.

Of interest in my researches: 05/06/2021 (b) (6), (b) (7) Investigator's Note: The facsimile has noted that the sender was: From (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). A review of the Internet for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) " depicts an individual who is providing an "An expose on the U.S. government's secret program to investigate the UFO phenomenon." Program title: "UNIDENTIFIED: Inside America's UFO Investigation," to be shown in a televised series on IMDb and History. A review depicts that one of the cast is the complainant.

Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Hotline Investigator

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OIG DoD

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),, OIG DoD
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 4:12 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),, OIG DoD; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OIG DoD
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),, OIG DoD
Subject: RE: [Secure] Department of Defense Hotline case number 20210505-071182-CASE-03 - Request for Review

Hello (b) (6), (b) (7)(C):

Currently the case is still being reviewed by internal components. We do not receive HCRs from WRI and ISO. When and if the case is referred for ACTION to an external component, we will ensure that EVAL receives a copy of the HCR. Let me know if you require additional information.

v/r

(b) (6),
(b) (7)(C)

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),, OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@DODIG.MIL>
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Subject: RE: [Secure] Department of Defense Hotline case number 20210505-071182-CASE-03 - Request for Review

Per your previous email:

Case-01 was referred to the Directorate for Investigations of Senior Officials (ISO) for review.

Case-02 was referred to the Directorate for Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations (WRI) for review.

r/

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

, Evaluations Support Center
Office of the DoD Deputy Inspector General
for Evaluations
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Subject: RE: [Secure] Department of Defense Hotline case number
20210505-071182-CASE-03 - Request for Review

~~CUI~~

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) :

A review of the Hotline D-CATS data base does not show any prior complaints to the DoD Hotline by this complainant. The numerous documents the complainant provided were obtained by the complaint via Freedom of Information Act FOIA) requests.

Please identify the Hotline Completion Reports (HCRs) you are requesting.

Thanks.

Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Hotline Investigator

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@DODIG.MIL>

Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 11:57 AM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@DODIG.MIL>

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@DODIG.MIL>

Subject: FW: [Secure] Department of Defense Hotline case number
20210505-071182-CASE-03 - Request for Review

Importance: High

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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EVAL declines and requests to review all relevant HCRs in connection with this complaint.

Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Investigative Oversight & Special Investigations and Reviews

Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Office: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@DODIG.MIL>

Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 4:53 AM

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, OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@DODIG.MIL>

Subject: [Secure] Department of Defense Hotline case number

20210505-071182-CASE-03 - Request for Review

Importance: High

CUH

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for Evaluations (ISPA):

Attached is Department of Defense Hotline case number 20210505-071182-CASE-03. Complainant Alleges Abuse of Authority, False Statements, Violation of Regulations and Civilian Reprisal against (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), for denying to the public that the complainant was a member of the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP), in efforts to provide misleading or false information to the America public regarding Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and other related UFO information.

Case-01 was referred to the Directorate for Investigations of Senior Officials (ISO) for review.

Case-02 was referred to the Directorate for Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations (WRI) for review.

Please review and advise.

Please confirm receipt.

Thanks.

Respectfully,

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~~(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)~~

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~~Hotline Investigator~~

~~(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)~~

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March 17, 2025
Ref: DODOIG-2023-000516

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: john@greenewald.com

Mr. John Greenewald
The Black Vault
27305 W. Live Oak Road, Suite 1203
Castaic, CA 91384

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all records that were generated within Department of Defense Hotline complaint 20210505-071182. We received your request on February 13, 2023, and assigned it case number DODOIG-2023-000516. In your request, you agreed to omit any records already released to you in DODOIG-2023-000010, DODOIG-2023-000018, and DODOIG-2023-000019.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

The Administrative Investigations Component and Defense Hotline Directorate conducted a search and located records responsive to your request. Upon review, we determined that 100 pages were part of the records release for your prior requests: DODOIG-2023-000010, DODOIG-2023-000018, and DODOIG-2023-000019. In an effort to minimize duplication efforts we have not included those records as part of this response. We have also determined that 22 pages are appropriate for release in part and 8 pages are exempt from release pursuant to the following FOIA

- (b)(5), which protects communications that are part of the deliberative process. The purpose for withholding such recommendations is to encourage the free and candid exchange of opinions and advice during the decision-making process. In applying the foreseeable harm standard, we determined that disclosure of this information is likely to diminish the candor of agency deliberations in the future;
- (b)(6), that protects the names, addresses, phone numbers and personally identifying information of DoD OIG personnel and third parties contained within the documents, the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7)(C), which protects personal information in law enforcement records; and
- b(7)(E), which protects the disclosure of techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions.

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Our review included consideration of the foreseeable harm standard, as stated in DoDM 5400.07. Under this standard, the content of a particular record should be reviewed and a determination made as to whether the DoD Component reasonably foresees that disclosing it, given its age, content, and character, would harm an interest protected by an applicable exemption.

If you consider this an adverse determination, you may submit an appeal. Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 days of the date of this letter, clearly identify the determination that you would like to appeal, and reference to the FOIA case number above. Send your appeal via mail to the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, ATTN: FOIA Appellate Authority, Suite 10B24, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350-1500, via email to foiaappeals@dodig.mil, or via facsimile to 571-372-7498. Please note that FOIA appeals can only examine adverse determinations concerning the FOIA process. For more information on appellate matters and administrative appeal procedures, please refer to 32 C.F.R. Sec. 286.9(e) and 286.11(a).

During the review, we determined that following agencies are the release authority for documents that may be responsive to your request. We have referred those pages to the following addresses, for processing and direct response to you. If you would like to inquire about the statuses of these portion of your request, please contact them directly.

Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI)
ATTN: HQ OSI/FSS/MSII
FOIA Sections
27130 Telegraph Rd.
Quantico, VA 22134
E-mail: afosi_hq_foia_request@us.af.mil
Phone: 571-305-8044
Website: <https://www.osi.af.mil/afosifoia/>

Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA)
ATTN: FOIA Office
1137 Branchton Road PO Box 618
Boyers, PA 16018
E-mail: dcsa.quantico.dcsa-hq.mbx.foia@mail.mil
Phone: 878-274-4411
Website: <https://www.dcsa.mil/Contact-Us/Privacy-Civil-Liberties-FOIA/FOIA-Requests/>

Office of Secretary of Defense Joint Staff
Chief, Ms. Stephanie Carr
Freedom of Information Division
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1155
Email: whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.osd-js-foia-requester-service-center@mail.mil
Phone: 571-372-0498
Website: <https://www.esd.whs.mil/FOID/Contact-Us/>

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You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at FOIAPublicLiaison@dodig.mil, or by calling 703-604-9785, for any further assistance with your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. However, OGIS does not have the authority to mediate requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974 (request to access one's own records).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Derrica Stone at 703-604-9775 or via email to foiarequests@dodig.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Gonzalez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Barbara" and last name "Gonzalez" clearly distinguishable.

Barbara Gonzalez
Division Chief
FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Enclosure(s):
As stated

CUI

FROM: dodignorereply@dcatse.mil
TO: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ;
SUBJECT: Department of Defense (DoD) Hotline Complaint: 20210505-071182/Closed
DATE: 08/01/2022 05:58:22

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Dear Luis D. Elizondo:

This is to notify you that the DoD Hotline closed complaint (20210505-071182).

The DoD Hotline is not authorized to release case information or documents. You may file a Freedom of Information Act request with the Office of the Undersecretary of Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security to obtain case records authorized for public release. Additional information is available at <https://www.foia.gov/>.

Sincerely,

Controlled by: DoD OIG
Controlled by: Administrative Investigations, DoD Hotline
CUI Category: PRIIG//INV//WHSTL
Distribution/Dissemination Controls: FEDCON
POC: 1-800-424-9098

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The DoD Hotline Team

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DOD CASE REFERRAL

1. FROM	2. TO	3. PRIORITY	4. CASE NO.
Agency: DoD OIG	Agency: USD (Intel)	<input type="checkbox"/> Priority 1 - Emergency	20210505-071182-CASE-04
	Sub-Agency: USD (Intel)	<input type="checkbox"/> Priority 1	5. REFERRAL DATE
Sub-Agency: Hotline	Sub-Activity: OUSD I&S	<input type="checkbox"/> Priority 2	08/01/2022
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Priority 3	6. SUSPENSE DATE
			N/A

7. INDEPENDENCE

In all matters relating to investigative work, the investigative organization must be free, both in fact and appearance, from impairments to independence; must be organizationally independent; and must maintain an independent attitude. This standard places upon agencies; audit, inspection, and investigative organizations; and individuals assigned to conduct inquiries the responsibility for maintaining independence, so that findings, judgments, conclusions, and recommendations will be impartial and will be viewed as impartial by knowledgeable third parties. **If your organization's independence is impaired, in fact or appearance, take no investigative actions and contact the DoD Point of Contact for this Referral (Item 11 below) immediately.**

8. REFERRAL

	a. ACTION REFERRAL. The attached complaint is referred to your Component for ACTION. Conduct an inquiry and provide this office a DoD Hotline Completion Report by the suspense date in Item 6 above. If more time is needed, submit a written extension request to the DoD Hotline Point of Contact for this Referral (Item 11 below) before the suspense date stating the reason for the delay and the anticipated completion date.
X	b. INFORMATION REFERRAL. The attached complaint or disagreement is referred to your Component for INFORMATION. The DoD Component Hotline Coordinator is required to examine the referral to determine if an inquiry is warranted; however, a DoD Hotline Completion Report is not required unless your Component conducts an inquiry resulting in substantiated allegations.
	c. EVALUATE and recommend an appropriate course for the attached complaint. <input type="checkbox"/> Case accepted for Action <input type="checkbox"/> Refer this matter to the following organization(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Other. (Explain in 8d.)
	d. OTHER remarks:

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

	a. SUPPLEMENT. Supplement to previous referral under this case number.
	b. IDENTITY OF THE SOURCE <input type="checkbox"/> Anonymous source. <input type="checkbox"/> The source did not consent to the disclosure of his or her identity. If you need the source's help during an investigation, contact the DoD Point of Contact for this Referral (Item 11 below).
XXX	c. RETALIATION COMPLAINT. This case is not being sent to you for the retaliation matter. For questions about the retaliation matter, contact the Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations Directorate.
XXX	d. DOD SENIOR OFFICIALS. This case is NOT being sent to you for the senior official matter. In the event you develop a credible allegation of senior official misconduct, you must notify DoD OIG Directorate for Investigation of Senior Officials, IAW DoDD 5505.06.

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10. REFERRAL REMARKS (Use Referral Remarks Continuation Sheet if needed)

Allegations of Violation of Regulations in the attached document are referred to your component for information and action deemed appropriate. Carefully review the document for allegations warranting investigation. An HCR must be submitted for substantiated allegations that result from Information case referral.

11. DOD HOTLINE POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS REFERRAL

a. NAME	b. TELEPHONE	c. E-MAIL ADDRESS
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @dodig.mil

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From: [Luis Elizondo](#)
To: (b) (6), (b) (7) [OIG DoD](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Reply: DoD IG Request for Assistance
Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 2:28:38 PM

Greetings (b) (6), (b) (7)(C);

Thank you sincerely for your prompt e-mail requesting additional information pertaining to the following:

- malicious activities
- coordinated disinformation
- professional misconduct
- whistleblower reprisal, and;
- explicit threats

and those senior-level Pentagon officials who are involved, namely, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Much of the information you requested can be found within the narrative of my complaint; however, below is a brief synopsis for your consideration/review/action

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C):

- Explicit Threats: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[REDACTED]

- Professional Misconduct/Malicious Activities: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[REDACTED]

- Whistleblower Reprisal: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)




- Coordinated Disinformation: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)




(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) :


- Coordinated Disinformation/Professional Misconduct: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)




(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)




(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) :

- Professional Misconduct: (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



Thank you again for taking the time to address these issues. Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me any time.

Best Regards/Very Respectfully,
Luis D. Elizondo

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7) @dodig.mil>

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021, 02:18:27 PM GMT-7

Subject: DoD IG Request for Assistance

~~CU~~

(b) (6), (b) (7) ,
(C)

Good afternoon.

My name is (b) (6), (b) (7) and I am a senior official investigator with the Department of Defense, Office of the Inspector General. Our office is in receipt of your complaint regarding AATIP.

In reviewing your complaint, I noted a few matters that I would like clarification on:

You wrote that certain senior-level Pentagon officials engaged in malicious activities, coordinated disinformation, professional misconduct, whistleblower reprisal, and explicit threats. You also identified three officials as persons who committed wrongdoing: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

In order for me to better address your issues, will you identify which person committed above the listed wrongdoing?

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) :

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) :

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) :

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)
(C)

Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations
Department of Defense Inspector General

(O) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Email: (b) (6), (b) (7) @dodig.mil

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] N2N6 (USA)
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] [OIG DoD](#)
Subject: RE: DoD IG Request for Information
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:48:40 PM

(b) (6),
(b) (7) [REDACTED]

Just a couple little tweaks to be more accurate:

1. From this:

(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]

To This:

(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]

2. From this:

(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]

To this:

(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]

(b) (5) [REDACTED]

(b) (5)

The revised answers provide a bit more granularity, and hopefully further clarify my/our roles.

Standing by if you'd like to discuss further.

Regards,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

N2N6 Public Affairs

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @navy.mil

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) .., OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @DODIG.MIL>

Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 2:44 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) N2N6 (USA) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @navy.mil>

Subject: DoD IG Request for Information

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Good morning. As a follow up to our conversation. Please read the below and ensure that I did not mischaracterize your comments:

(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Please correct any mischaracterizations. If you have any additions, please include them as well.

Thanks for your time!

(b) (6),
(b) (7)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Investigator

Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations

Department of Defense Inspector General

(O) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Email: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @dodig.mil

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~~POC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)~~

From: [Whistleblower Mailbox](#)
To: (b) (6)
Bcc: (b) (6) [OIG DoD](#); (b) (6) [OIG DoD](#); (b) (6) [OIG DoD](#); (b) (6) [OIG DoD](#)
Subject: DODIG Notification Letter DCATS# 20210505-071182-CASE-02 (Elizondo)
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 2:51:37 PM
Attachments: [CL Elizondo 20210505-071182-CASE-02.pdf](#)

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Dear (b) (6),

Attached is correspondence related to a whistleblower reprisal complaint.

Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations
Department of Defense Office of Inspector General
4800 Mark Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22350-1500

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POC: See the attached document

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From: Garrison, Marguerite C., SES, OIG DoD
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD
Subject: RE: Resubmit: Aged Case "HIGH VIS" Case Intake Recommendation (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) DCATSe
20210505-071182-CASE-01
Date: Thursday, July 28, 2022 2:55:59 PM

(b) (6),
(b) (7)

I made some modifications to the write-up below. Approved to close without an investigation.

Marguerite C. Garrison
Deputy Inspector General
for Administrative Investigations
Room (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
4800 Mark Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22350
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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~~Category: PRIIG/INV/WHISTLE~~
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~~POC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)~~

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@DODIG.MIL>
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 3:17 PM
To: Garrison, Marguerite C., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@DODIG.MIL>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@DODIG.MIL>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@DODIG.MIL>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@DODIG.MIL>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@DODIG.MIL>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@DODIG.MIL>
Subject: FW: Resubmit: Aged Case "HIGH VIS" Case Intake Recommendation (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
DCATSe 20210505-071182-CASE-01

Margie:

Below is an intake recommendation for your review.

Thanks

(b) (6),
(b) (7)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]@DODIG.MIL>
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 2:32 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted], OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]@DODIG.MIL>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]@DODIG.MIL>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted], OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]@DODIG.MIL>

Subject: Resubmit: Aged Case "HIGH VIS" Case Intake Recommendation (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] DCATSe 20210505-071182-CASE-01

(b) (6),
(b) (7)

For your review and forward. This is an aged case of 447 days. Thank you for the help. (b) (5) [redacted]

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]. Thank you. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted], OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]@DODIG.MIL>
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 11:02 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]@DODIG.MIL>
Subject: FW: Aged Case "HIGH VIS" Case Intake Recommendation (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] DCATSe 20210505-071182-CASE-01

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted].

See suggested changes below.

Thanks

(b) (6),
(b) (7)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]@DODIG.MIL>
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Thanks

(b) (6),
(b) (7)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) . OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @DODIG.MIL>
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 2:32 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @DODIG.MIL>
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Subject: Resubmit: Aged Case "HIGH VIS" Case Intake Recommendation (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
DCATSe 20210505-071182-CASE-01

(b) (6),
(b) (7)

For your review and forward. This is an aged case of 447 days. Thank you for the help. (b) (5)
Thank you. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @DODIG.MIL>
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 11:02 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @DODIG.MIL>
Subject: FW: Aged Case "HIGH VIS" Case Intake Recommendation (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

See suggested changes below.

Thanks

(b) (6),
(b) (7)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @DODIG.MIL>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 1:21 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @DODIG.MIL>
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(b) (6),
(b) (7)(C)

For your review and forward. WRI closed its case in February 2022; EVAL declined it in June 2021. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(C)
Thank you. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @DODIG.MIL>
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 11:36 AM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]@DODIG.MIL>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] R., OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]@DODIG.MIL>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted], OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]@DODIG.MIL>
Subject: "HIGH VIS" Case Intake Recommendation (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]
[redacted] DCATSe 20210505-071182-CASE-01

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted],
Please see my CIR for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted].

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The complainant who did give consent alleged that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] abused their authority, provided false statements, and committed conspiracy while (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] provided false information to the public, destroyed evidence (2019 or 2020 files), and committed conspiracy. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]; Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence OUSD (I); Washington, D.C. and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted], Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (OUSD (I); Washington, D.C. In a DoD Hotline complaint on May 4, 2021 the complainant wrote, in part, Mr. Elizondo wrote, in part, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted].” [Attachment 1 – Bio (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] and Attachment 1a – Bio (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]] [Attachment 2 - DoD Hotline Complaint] [Attachment 3-Non-DoD Source Reply-DoD IG Request for Assistance]

Note: AATIP: Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program

We found no indication of misconduct (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]

WRI reviewed and declined reprisal allegations in D-CATSe 20210505-071182-CASE-02 on February 16, 2022. Evaluations (ISPA) reviewed and declined the case June 15, 2021.

(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[Attachment 4 – White Paper pg. 2; para Background, fifth sentence from bottom].

(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

We found that the information reviewed did not support an allegation of misconduct (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(5)

We recommend closing the case because we found no indication of misconduct (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(5)

<https://dod.dcatse.mil/> (b) (7)(E)

Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Investigations of Senior Officials
Office of the Inspector General, DoD

Cell (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

OIG DoD

From: HOTLINEDONOTREPLY
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:38 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Important Information Regarding DoD Hotline Complaint 20210505-071182

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Dear Mr. Luis D. Elizondo:

The Department of Defense (DoD) Hotline received your complaint.

What to expect depending on the nature of your complaint:

- **NEW COMPLAINT:** Your complaint has been assigned to a Hotline investigator for review. If it's appropriate for another agency to investigate your complaint, it will be forwarded to the appropriate agency. You will be contacted only if additional information is needed. Once a case is opened, we will not discuss its progress, and we will not respond to status requests. You will be notified when your complaint is closed. At that time you will be provided instructions on how to submit a records request through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).
- **DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS:** Equal Employment Opportunity (Civilian) and Equal Opportunity (Military) complaints cannot be processed by the DoD Hotline. Failure to file a complaint with your appropriate agency's EEO or EO office within the timeframes specified in EEO guidelines may forfeit your rights under the EEO Act and Title VII. Your local EEO or EO office, as well as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) at <http://www.eeoc.gov/> and the DoD Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity (ODMEO) at <http://diversity.defense.gov/> can provide further information and guidance.
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** If you submitted additional information or consent to release your identity for investigating your complaint, the Hotline staff will process this information upon receipt.

Information concerning types of complaints the DoD accepts for review can be found at www.dodig.mil/hotline.

You may have just made a "protected communication" under Whistleblower Protection Laws. If you suffer retaliation for filing this complaint you may file a Reprisal complaint. To learn more please refer to the Department of Defense Whistleblower Program website at www.dodig.mil/programs/whistleblower.

Sincerely,

The DoD Hotline Team

FROM: (b) (7)(E) @DODIG.MIL
SUBJECT: FW: From " (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) " (Fax Message NO.1042)
DATE: 05/04/2021 14:19:06

From: (b) (7)(E) @mail.mil
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 2:13:59 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: Internal DoD Hotline
Subject: From " (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) " (Fax Message NO.1042)

This E-mail was sent from "RNP002673431765" (MP C4502).

Queries to: (b) (7)(E) @mail.mil

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

OIG DoD

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:29 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OIG DoD
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OIG DoD
Subject: RE: [Secure] Department of Defense Hotline case number 20210505-071182-CASE-03 - Request for Review

Receipt confirmed.

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Office of the DoD Deputy Inspector General
for Evaluations
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@DODIG.MIL>
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 4:53 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@DODIG.MIL>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OIG DoD <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@DODIG.MIL>
Subject: [Secure] Department of Defense Hotline case number 20210505-071182-CASE-03 - Request for Review
Importance: High

CUH

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for Evaluations (ISPA):

Attached is Department of Defense Hotline case number 20210505-071182-CASE-03. Complainant Alleges Abuse of Authority, False Statements, Violation of Regulations and Civilian Reprisal against (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), for denying to the public that the complainant was a member of the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP), in efforts to provide misleading or false information to the America public regarding Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and other related UFO information.

Case-01 was referred to the Directorate for Investigations of Senior Officials (ISO) for review.

Case-02 was referred to the Directorate for Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations (WRI) for review.

Please review and advise.

Please confirm receipt.

Thanks.

Respectfully,

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Hotline Investigator

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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DEFENSE HOTLINE CASE REFERRAL		
1. FROM:	2. TO	3. HOTLINE CASE NO.
Department of Defense Hotline The Pentagon Washington, DC 20301 - 1900 Email: hotline@dodig.mil Fax: (703) 604-8567, DSN 664-8567 HOTLINE: 1-800-424-9098	Agency: DOD OIG Sub-Agency: DIG Evaluations (ISPA)	20210505-071182-CASE-03
		4. REFERRAL DATE
		5/6/2021
		5. SUSPENSE DATE
		5/13/2021
6. INDEPENDENCE		
In all matters relating to investigative work, the investigative organization must be free, both in fact and appearance, from impairments to independence, must be organizationally independent; and must maintain an independent attitude. This standard places upon agencies; audit, inspection, and investigative organizations; and individuals assigned to conduct inquiries the responsibility for maintaining independence, so that findings, judgments, conclusions, and recommendations will be impartial and will be viewed as impartial by knowledgeable third parties. If your organization's independence is impaired, in fact or appearance, take no investigative actions and contact the Defense Hotline immediately.		
7. ACTION REQUIRED		
XX	a. Recommend an appropriate course of action for the attached complaint.	
	b. Other (Explain in Item 7c)	
8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
	a. SUPPLEMENT. Supplement to previous referral under this case number.	
	b. IDENTITY OF THE SOURCE.	
	Anonymous source.	
	The source did not consent to the disclosure of his or her identity. If you need the source's help during an investigation, contact the Defense Hotline	
c. Remarks (If more space is needed, use HL FM 3, Continuation Sheet for Hotline Forms.)		
Please review and Advise. Complainant makes allegations of False statements and Abuse of Authority against personnel assigned to the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence (OUSD(I)).		
d. Requester's Signature and Date (I certify that I do not have any personal impairments to independence regarding this case.)		
Signature:	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Date: 05/06/2021
9. EVALUATOR COMMENTS		
	a. Refer the complaint to this office for ACTION.	
	b. Refer the complaint for ACTION INFORMATION to the following organization(s):	
X	c. Other (Explain in Item 9d)	
d. Remarks		
EVAL declines and requests to review all relevant HCRs in connection with this complaint.		
e. Evaluator Signature and Date (I certify that I do not have any personal impairments to independence regarding this case.)		
Signature:	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Date: 20210614
10. DOD HOTLINE POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS REFERRAL		
a. NAME	b. TELEPHONE	c. E-MAIL ADDRESS
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @dodig.mil

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