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Closure Recommendation Memorandum

Case Number: 18-0300-C	Date of Entry: 1/21/2020
Primary Investigator: [redacted]	(b)(3)

Allegation Information

Narrative:
 (U//~~FOUO~~) On 30 July 2018, NRO OIG received information from the Department of Defense, Office of the Inspector General (DoD IG) alleging that Subject [redacted], while working on an NRO contract for [redacted], had been terminated for (b)(3) poor behavior. Prior to her departure, Complainant alleged that Subject changed the passwords to administrative system (b)(7)(c) and after being terminated, demanded payment from either [redacted] or the NRO in exchange for the passwords. It was further alleged that Subject was rehired with another contracting company and is currently working on an NRO contract. The DoD IG Hotline POC assigned a Case number of [redacted] to this referral (b)(3)

Last Investigative Step:
 (U) Finalized document review of all case information.

Resolution:
 (U) Unsubstantiated

Case Closure Recommendation Justification

Additional Information:
 (U//~~FOUO~~) OIG received this complaint via a referral from DoD OIG that Subject was terminated by her contract employer [redacted] for poor behavior and in retaliation she changed all of the administrative passwords for the IT systems. The allegator (b)(3) further stated that Subject attempted to extort money out of either [redacted] or the NRO in exchange for the new administrative passwords.

(U//~~FOUO~~) OIG interviewed Subject who denied being terminated for poor performance but it was a mutual decision between her and the company. Regarding the allegation involving the passwords, Subject advised that she created a Gmail Domain to allow the [redacted] members the ability to access their [redacted] corporate email from the [redacted] computer. Costs were \$40-\$60 per year (approximately \$5 per month) and were paid by her, as she was the owner/administrator for the domain. Prior to departing [redacted] Subject sent an email to [redacted] informing them that the domain was owned and paid for by her. She inquired if [redacted] wanted to assume responsibility and cost of the Domain but [redacted] (b)(3) declined. Subject provided documentation to substantiate her statements to OIG.

(U//~~FOUO~~) OIG followed up the Subject interview with an interview of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) for Subject's contract. He stated he was unaware that Subject was paying for the Gmail Domain and recalled that she offered to give [redacted] the password. The COTR believes that an [redacted] co-worker who had issues with Subject had reported this to DoD IG. He does not believe that Subject tried to extort money in exchange for the passwords

(U//~~FOUO~~) Based upon this information the allegation of extortion of money, in exchange for passwords is proven to be untrue. Case Agent recommends closing the complaint as unsubstantiated.

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