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Closure Recommendation Memorandum

Case Number: 19-0078-C	Date of Entry: 02/05/2020
Primary Investigator:	(b)(3)

Allegation Information

Narrative:
 OIG received allegation from BPO/[] Certifier that she has been subject to an increasing level of abuse and intimidation by NRO Officials regarding travel policies and reimbursements. (b)(3)

Last Investigative Step:
 Management Referral to OGC Management

Resolution:
 Referred (No response)

Case Closure Recommendation Justification

Additional Information:
 (U//~~FOUO~~) Complainant alleged that an employee in OGC included the entire OGC email group in emails he was exchanging with the certifier in [] regarding charges that were disallowed on his official travel accounting. Complainant felt threatened by this especially since one of the attorneys included in the group stated he would take the issue to complainant's senior management. When complainant's immediate management became aware of the issue, they asked her to approve the charges. Complainant brought the issue to OIG because she maintained that the charges were not to be allowed per federal regulations as well as NRO policies. Complainant believed that by including the OGC email group in his responses to her, [] intended to put pressure on her and her [] management to approve the expenses without question. She felt this represented a pattern of abuse and intimidation of [] employees by certain NRO officials regarding travel policies and reimbursements. (b)(3)

(U//~~FOUO~~) Case agent wrote up a management referral to OGC and received no response. SAC [] followed up after no response and, AIGI [] subsequently sent a note requesting a response. On 5 February 2020, AIGI [] recommended closing the case without a response.

(U//~~FOUO~~) Case will be closed as referred.

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