
Management Response

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SUBJECT: Management Response to OIG Report
Review of Secretary Acosta's Travel
Report Number 17-18-001-01-001

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide management's response to the Office of Inspector's General (OIG) *Review of Secretary Acosta's Travel* (Report Number 17-18-001-01-001).

Overall, management appreciates the OIG's review and input on suggested improvements and concurs with the OIG's conclusion that the Secretary's travel complied with federal laws, regulations, and departmental policy and procedures. Management also agrees with the two recommendations and has taken immediate steps to strengthen related policy. Specifically, we have developed guidance concerning use of premium class travel accommodations and issued that to all noncareer staff. Additionally, we have established procedures and a uniform reporting requirement regarding mixed political and official travel by the Secretary. These directives were issued on January 19, 2018.

Finally, management appreciates the importance of providing the OIG with accurate, complete, and timely information throughout review. We are not aware of any additional relevant information not provided to the OIG, and appreciate the importance of program controls to prevent and detect violations of laws and regulations. Further, we have no knowledge of any violations of department travel policies regarding the Secretary's official travel. The Department's leadership takes seriously the responsibility to detect and report fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement in the Department's travel program and supports the OIG mission.

We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment.

cc: Bryan Slater, Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management