



October 26, 2010

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Dear Mr. Reukauf,

This is a follow-up response to your letter of May 20, 2010, Re: **OSC File No. D1-10-1687**, that referred a whistleblower disclosure alleging that employees at the Department of Health and Human Services, Rockville Human Resources Center, Labor and Employee Relations Division, in Rockville, Maryland, and the Office of Information Technology Support Services, Division of Field Operations, in Atlanta, Georgia, are engaging in conduct which may constitute a violation of law, rule, or regulation, gross mismanagement and an abuse of authority to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) for further investigation.

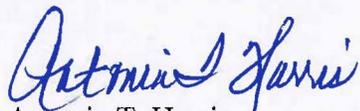
Specifically, the inquiry related to the placement of Mr. Rod Campbell on administrative leave in 2006 continuously through 2010 following allegations of his unauthorized use of agency-owned IT equipment, installation of video monitoring hardware and other inappropriate conduct relating to his IT responsibilities. The Agency, as a result of our investigation, has since returned the employee to duty in a similar position August 2, 2010.

Accordingly, HHS has taken action to hold the appropriate management officials accountable for not finalizing this case in a timely manner. The specific actions are delineated below:

- August 2010 - Anthony Gipson, Labor and Employee Relations Specialist, was counseled on the appropriate communication and follow-through in the administrative responsibility of handling cases within HHS by Ms. Charlette' Montgomery-Williams, Acting Branch Chief, Workforce Relations Division, Office of Human Resources.
- September 29, 2010 - Elaine Rivas, the proposing official in Mr. Campbell's removal action was orally reprimanded by Stephen Veneruso.
- October 7, 2010 - Carl Ponticello, the deciding official in Mr. Campbell's removal action received a proposal for a 30-day suspension. The action was initiated by Mr. Stephen Veneruso, Supervisory Information Technology Specialist. The deciding official for this action is Lori Davis, Chief Information Officer.

HHS considers this matter resolved and addressed in its entirety. Thank you for bringing this to the attention of the Agency. Please let me know if you have additional questions. You may reach me on (202) 690-6191.

Sincerely,



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