

**Video Script: “A Message from the Inspector General: Audit of the Federal Bureau of Prisons’ Monitoring of Inmate Communications to Prevent Radicalization,” March 2020**

Hello, I’m Michael Horowitz, Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Justice.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons, or BOP, houses hundreds of inmates with a known nexus to international or domestic terrorism. BOP policy requires that all social communications of such high-risk inmates be monitored to prevent, among other things, radicalization of inmates within the BOP system and individuals outside of BOP with whom those inmates may be in contact.

Today my office released a report that examined the BOP’s monitoring of such inmate communications. When we began our review, the BOP had not identified all inmates with a nexus to terrorism in its custody and, therefore, these inmate communications may not have been monitored. Additionally, we found that, contrary to BOP policy, it did not fully monitor 100 percent of the social communications of high-risk inmates.

In addition, due to technical limitations of the BOP’s telephone monitoring capabilities, we found the FBI was not always able to effectively monitor phone calls by inmates who had been under Special Administrative Measures.

We determined that the pure volume of social communications by inmates makes it impossible for BOP officials to conduct the monitoring of communications that its policy requires. For example, during the period of our audit, inmates at all BOP institutions sent more than 390 million emails and received more than 420 million emails. We also found that the BOP was not effectively using available technology designed to help manage this critical task.

Our report made several other important findings and includes 19 recommendations.

To read the report and all of our findings, visit our website, [oig.justice.gov](http://oig.justice.gov), or go to [oversight.gov](http://oversight.gov).

Thank you for joining me today.

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