

The Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (OIG) issued an interim report today regarding the Department of Justice's handling of known or suspected terrorists admitted into the federal Witness Security Program. The interim audit report focuses on the Witness Security Program activities administered by the Criminal Division's Office of Enforcement Operations and the United States Marshals Service. While conducting its audit of the Witness Security Program, the OIG found significant issues concerning national security that it believed required immediate remedy and notified Department leadership of them, and the OIG developed the interim report to help ensure that those deficiencies were promptly and sufficiently addressed. The OIG will continue its review and evaluate the Department's progress in implementing corrective measures that the Department indicated it had implemented or was in the process of implementing in response to the 16 recommendations contained in the interim report.

The interim report was issued and delivered to the Department and the relevant Congressional committees. Due to statutory restrictions and concerns about national security and the safety of participants in the Witness Security Program cited by the Department, most of the results of the OIG's full interim report are not releasable publicly. An unclassified summary including publicly releasable information from the full interim report was released and is available on the OIG website at <http://www.justice.gov/oig/reports/2013/a1323.pdf>.