



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 25-086

Findings of Misconduct by a then FBI Assistant Director for Misuse of Position and Violations of DOJ Travel Policy

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation after receiving an allegation that a then Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Assistant Director and other FBI employees traveled overseas on official travel at significant cost to the government for personal reasons rather than for legitimate FBI interests.

The OIG investigation found that the then FBI Assistant Director wasted taxpayer funds and used their public office for their own private gain, in violation of federal ethics regulations and FBI policy, when they went on a government-paid, 13-day international trip to two countries for the purpose of visiting two of the Assistant Director's personal "bucket list" countries. The Assistant Director participated in 1 day of meetings in one country, a morning of meetings in another country, and spent 4 days at a beach resort, at government expense, between the meetings in the two countries. The OIG also found that the Assistant Director's conduct violated several provisions of DOJ's travel policy.

The Assistant Director retired from the FBI prior to being contacted by the OIG for an interview. When later contacted by the OIG for an interview, the then former Assistant Director declined to be interviewed. The OIG has the authority to compel testimony from current DOJ employees upon informing them that their statements will not be used to incriminate them in a criminal proceeding. The OIG does not have the authority to compel or subpoena testimony from former Department employees.

The OIG has completed its investigation and provided its report to the FBI for any action it deems appropriate.



Unless otherwise noted, the OIG applies the preponderance of the evidence standard in determining whether DOJ personnel have committed misconduct.