

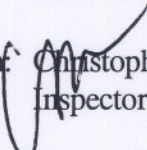
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Supplemental Memorandum

To: The Honorable Alex Penelas, Mayor

The Honorable Chairperson, Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From:  Christopher Mazzella
Inspector General

Date: April 29, 2004

Re: Security Screening of Construction Personnel Working on the North Terminal
Development Project

Enclosed for your consideration is the Miami-Dade County Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) Final Report regarding *Security Screening of Construction Personnel Working in the North Terminal Development Project*. As you can see, this report and its exhibits are heavily redacted. As for the redactions, let me provide the following background:

On December 3, 2003, an un-sanitized, draft copy of this report was submitted to the United States Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration (TSA), to allow it to review the report and redact any information it determined to be sensitive security information (SSI) pursuant to Federal law. We also requested TSA to provide any comments or observations for inclusion in the Final Report.

On February 27, 2004, TSA returned the draft report with minor SSI redactions. These redactions related to security procedures and they were in total, two sentences on page 5, one paragraph on page 6, and three sentences on page 8. The OIG agreed with TSA's assessment. TSA also provided the OIG with its response to our draft and requested that its response be included in the Final Report. TSA's response contained no SSI. The OIG distributed the TSA redacted version to appropriate County Officials on March 17, 2004 but, by memorandum dated March 19, 2004, the County Manager interposed an objection to this distribution because of concerns raised by the Aviation Department that disclosure of the report violated Fla. Stats. Sections 281.301 and 331.22. The OIG stated its disagreement with this blanket abridgement of its report.

Consequently, the Aviation Department performed a line by line review of the report, the appendix and the exhibits, and redacted large portions of the enclosed Final Report, including TSA's response. It should be noted that the OIG's recommendation concerning the matter, which the Airport disagrees with, has also been redacted.

Despite our continuing objections, we are publishing this report with its voluminous redactions. In his memorandum of March 19, 2004, the County Manager indicated that he would seek to resolve the concerns raised by the OIG in the appropriate forum. We look forward to resolving this matter as soon as possible.

Attachments

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