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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

October 10, 2012

The Honorable Janet Napolitano  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Napolitano:

On September 26, 2012 Acting Inspector General Edwards provided you with a report of investigation of the solicitation of prostitutes in Cartagena, Colombia by members of the United States Secret Service (USSS). While the contents of the review conducted by the Department of Homeland Security's Office of the Inspector General (DHS OIG) investigation have not been made public, my office has had an opportunity to review it. The report has raised new concerns regarding (1) whether or not USSS personnel have solicited prostitutes in the past, (2) whether or not any of the prostitutes were known to the intelligence community, (3) the accuracy of statements made by the White House denying White House staff involvement in misconduct, (4) potential national security risks associated with USSS personnel failing to report contacts with foreign nationals, (5) the thoroughness of the initial investigation conducted by the Secret Service, and (6) the accuracy of statements made by senior USSS officials to Congress.

In order to gain a factual accounting of what occurred in Cartagena and to fully understand what the Secret Service knew and when, I requested that the USSS release their report and certain associated materials related to the internal investigation to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management. This information is necessary to determine if the Administration has withheld, misled or reported false information to Congress.

Unfortunately, we have been informed that the Department of Homeland Security has directed the USSS to withhold this information. This runs contrary to the assurances made by Director Sullivan before our Committee on May 23, 2012:

“From the beginning of this incident, we have strived to keep members of Congress and our committees of jurisdiction up to date as information became available. While my written testimony provides an overview of our findings to date, I am committed to keeping you informed as our review continues.”

In light of apparent discrepancies between statements made to Congress by the Secret Service and the information in the DHS OIG report of investigation, it is important that the USSS internal investigation be released to Congress. Withholding this report may create the impression that the Administration is attempting to conceal information.

To restore full credibility to the Secret Service and protect our national security, it is important that the Administration operate quickly and transparently to uncover the full scope of the problem. Yet it has been two weeks since you received the DHS OIG report of investigation and we have heard of no action taken by you or your department. Even more disappointing, it now appears you are directing that information be withheld from Congress.

So that we can develop an idea of how the Administration plans to respond to the findings of the DHS OIG investigation, please provide the following information no later than 5PM on October 12, 2012.

1. Please explain the decision to withhold the findings of the Secret Service's investigation from the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management. Who made this decision? Why has an update on findings from the Secret Service investigation not been provided, particularly in light of Director Sullivan's statement, "...I am committed to keeping you informed as our review continues."
2. When did you first review the DHS OIG report of investigation, "USSS Cartagena Review" (I12-USSS-OSI-0080)?
3. Did you discuss the findings with any White House or Secret Service personnel? Please provide an accounting of who you have discussed the findings of the DHS OIG report of investigation with, as well the dates of those discussions. Please include the name and title of anybody you have had a discussion with, as well as a description of that discussion including any action items determined in that discussion.
4. Please outline any actions you plan to take as a result of the report of investigation provided to you by the DHS OIG and the date by which you plan to take them.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this request, please have your staff contact Rachel Weaver at [202-224-2674](tel:202-224-2674). We look forward to receiving your responses.

Sincerely,



Ron Johnson  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management