



United States International Trade Commission
Office of the Inspector General

Closeout Memorandum

Allegation of Conflict of Interest

Semiannual Report: 10/1/16 - 3/31/17

The Office of Inspector General received a referral alleging that a senior government official had purchased a financial interest in possible violation of federal law and federal employee Standards of Ethical Conduct Regulations. The matter was referred to the United States Attorney's Office which declined prosecution. Specifically, the Office of Inspector General sought to determine whether the senior government official participated in an official capacity in a matter which to his knowledge he had a financial interest. The Office of Inspector General reviewed the evidence and did not substantiate allegations that the senior government official violated conflict of interest laws because he lacked the required knowledge; however based on ethics concerns contained in the report, the agency took corrective administrative action.

The Office of Inspector General issued a Management Letter entitled "Conflict of Interest Process", OIG-ML-17-10.