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INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT BOARD (IOB) MATTER
IOB MATTER 2008-481 (U) (A)

~~(S)~~ On [redacted] the [redacted] Field Office [redacted] initiated a [redacted] on a U.S. person but did not submit a notice of initiation; the investigation was closed approximately one year later on [redacted] did not submit the subsequent annual report. Consequently, the Department of Justice had no opportunity for oversight for a period of one year.

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(U) The purpose of the notification required in The Attorney General's Guidelines for FBI National Security Investigations and Foreign Intelligence Collection (NSIG), including subsequent annual reports, is to enable the Department of Justice to provide appropriate oversight of investigative activities by the FBI. The standard by which OGC reviews tardiness in reporting or a failure to report altogether is whether the tardiness or omission "substantially impaired" DOJ's ability to provide meaningful oversight. Where, as here, there is no notice whatsoever of the existence of the investigation, there can be no oversight. Accordingly, this matter is being reported to the IOB.

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