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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

FROM: Gregory D. Kutz
Deputy Inspector General for Inspections and Evaluations


In accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency’s Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) conducted a follow-up physical security inspection at the Internal Revenue Service’s (IRS) facility. The facility is a facility security level (FSL)1 facility on the Building Number 1. The objective of the follow-up inspection was to determine whether the IRS security posture at the facility was in compliance with the baseline countermeasures established by the Interagency Security Committee (ISC), which has authority to establish policies for security in and protection of nonmilitary Federal facilities in the United States.

We determined that Facilities Management and Security Services (FMSS) was conducting the limited inspection. Additionally,

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1 The FSL is a categorization based on the analysis of several security-related facility factors and serves as the basis for the implementation of physical security countermeasures. The FSL determination ranges from a Level I (lowest risk) to Level V (highest risk).
2 The facility consist of the Building Number 1 and Building Number 2. The physical security posture is consistent with the security requirements established by the ISC.
The Security Posture

Following our inspection, the Security Posture

Per the ISC Standard, the Risk Management Process for Federal Facilities: An Interagency Security Committee Standard (Nov. 2016) defines the criteria and processes that those responsible for the security of a facility should use to determine its FSL and provides an integrated, single source of countermeasures for all Federal facilities.

Figure 1: Source: TIGTA photographs, taken June 4, 2019.

Figure 2 shows the Security Posture.
The Security Posture

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We informed the Per the ISC Standard, As indicated in Figure 3, Additionally, we observed several employees In fact,  

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The ISC Standard states, while discussing...
In the interim, the information provided is as follows. The information provided as of October 2, 2019, is as follows. Attachment I provides the background information for this inspection. Attachment III documents IRS management’s complete response.

If you have any questions about this report, you may contact me or James A. Douglas, Director, Office of Inspections and Evaluations.

Attachments
Background

Executive Order 12977 established the ISC after the Oklahoma City bombing of the Alfred Murrah Federal Building in 1995.¹ The ISC has authority to establish policies for security in and protection of Federal facilities in the United States, whether owned, leased, or managed by the Government. The ISC Standard² defines the criteria and processes that those responsible for the security of a facility should use to determine its FSL and provides an integrated, single source of countermeasures for all Federal facilities. The ISC Standard also provides guidance for customization of the countermeasures for Federal facilities.

Each IRS facility has been designated as an FSL I through V in accordance with the ISC Standard. Per the Treasury Security Manual, security-in-depth shall be implemented for all facilities designated as FSLs IV and V. Security-in-depth is defined as layered and complementary security controls sufficient to deter and detect unauthorized entry, movement, and activity within a facility. Examples include, but are not limited to, ***********8***********,  
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_________________________________________________________________________.

The ISC Standard has defined security criteria that should be used to implement countermeasures to effectively protect nonmilitary Federal Government facilities, information, employees, visitors, and assets. In addition to the security criteria, the ISC has defined a broad range of undesirable events that security professionals should consider when conducting a facility risk assessment in order to customize the necessary level of protection and associated countermeasures to be implemented in and around a facility.³ For all cases in which the necessary level of protection cannot be achieved or implemented, documentation must clearly reflect the reasons why and the rationale for accepting the associated risk as a result of implementing a lower level of protection and countermeasures.

In June 2019, we conducted a follow-up physical security inspection of the ***8*** to determine 8*****************************************************************************8

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² ISC, Nov. 2016.
³ The ISC Standard defines an undesirable event as an incident that has an adverse impact on the facility occupants or visitors, operation of the facility, or mission of the agency.
The Security Posture

The consists of a parking garage and two General Services Administration office buildings in which the IRS is the .

This inspection was not included in the Office of Inspections and Evaluations Fiscal Year 2019 Plan. We conducted this inspection in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency’s Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation.

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Attachment II

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October 2, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR GREGORY D. KUTZ
DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR INSPECTIONS AND EVALUATIONS
FROM: Richard L. Rodriguez
Chief, Facilities Management and Security Services
SUBJECT: Security Posture
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Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject draft inspection report. We are committed to the security of our offices and the employees and taxpayer information they contain. Your review of this site and will assist us in that effort.

As noted in the report, the countermeasures at the IRS minimum countermeasures to detect or deter unauthorized entry and secure restricted areas.

As noted in your report, no additional action was recommended or required.
We appreciate the continued support and assistance provided by your office. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 317-3299, or a member of your staff may contact Steven Artise, Associate Director, Operations East, Facilities Management and Security Services at (470) 839-3559.
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