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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

January 7, 2011

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request 2010-11-027

This is a final response to your letter addressed to the Department of the Treasury's Disclosure Services office, in which you requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA), the exhibits associated with the Treasury Office of Inspector General (TIG) investigation in case USM 09 0050, relating to recovery of prototype aluminum pennies, as well as the exhibits associated with the TIG investigation regarding the "Black Patriots \$1 Coin" issue, 2007-0328.

Attached are copies of the investigative reports and exhibits for both cases, which constitute the total universe of OIG records associated with these cases. The names and other identifying information of subjects, witnesses, employees and other persons identified on the list have been redacted, consistent with Exemption 7C of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C).

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Exemption 7C affords broad privacy rights to suspects, witnesses and investigators. See Bast v. Dep't of Justice, 655 F.2d 1251, 1254 (D.C. Cir. 1981). "Law enforcement officers, suspects, witnesses and other individuals named in investigatory files all have substantial privacy interests in not having their names revealed in connection with the subject matter of a law enforcement investigation because such revelation could result in embarrassment or harassment." Wichlacz v. U.S. Dep't of Interior, 938 F. Supp. 325, 333 (E.D. Va. 1996), citing Manna v. Dep't of Justice, 51 F.3d 1158, 1166 (3d Cir. 1995), reh'g denied 1995 U.S. App. LEXIS 14303 (3d Cir. June 6, 1995); McDonnell v. United States, 4 F.3d 1227, 1255 (3d Cir. 1993).

You have the right to appeal under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i) for full disclosure of the requested files. Pursuant to the Department's FOIA appeal process set forth in 31 C.F.R. § 1.5(i), an appeal must be submitted within 35 days from the date of this response to your request, signed by you and addressed to: Freedom of Information Act Appeal, DO, Disclosure Services, Department of the Treasury, Washington, D.C. 20220. The appeal should reasonably describe the records to which access has been denied and should

specify the date of the initial request and the date of this determination. Please enclose copies of your initial request and this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.K. Delmar', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

R.K. Delmar  
Counsel to the Inspector General

Enclosures



## REPORT OF INVESTIGATION



DATE OF REPORT

REPORT STATUS

Final

CASE NUMBER

USM 09 0050

CASE TITLE

[REDACTED]

PERTINENT  
STATUTE(S),  
REGULATION(S),  
AND/OR  
POLICY(IES)

Title 18 USC § 641 – Public money, property or records

### SYNOPSIS

In March 2009, the United States Mint learned that three of the missing prototype pattern aluminum one-cent pieces ostensibly had been in the possession of [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] since sometime in 1974. The United States Mint reported that information to the Treasury Office of Inspector General and an investigation was initiated. The source of the information relating to the three prototype pattern aluminum one-cent pieces received by the United States Mint was [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] (Exhibit 1)

Interviews of [REDACTED] and all identified parties, provided insufficient evidence to indicate that the surviving children of [REDACTED] (Date of Death: [REDACTED]) [REDACTED] 2 [REDACTED] are currently in possession of, have possessed in the past or have

Case Agent:

Supervisory Approval:

[REDACTED]  
Senior Special Agent

John L. Phillips  
Special Agent In Charge (Acting)

[REDACTED]  
(Signature)

[REDACTED]  
(Signature)

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current knowledge of the whereabouts of the three 1974 prototype aluminum one-cent coins. (Exhibit 2)

## DETAILS

### **I. Allegation**

In or about 1974, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], while working as a toll booth attendant on the Illinois State Highway system was alleged to have received three prototype pattern aluminum one-cent pieces from an unidentified individual. [REDACTED] was reportedly told by the individual that [REDACTED] should keep the coins as they will be worth something someday. Subsequent to receiving the coins, [REDACTED] reportedly kept and maintained the three prototype coins as personal possessions in [REDACTED] dresser drawer at [REDACTED] home. Sometime between 2006 and 2008, the three coins disappeared from [REDACTED]s dresser, and have not been seen since. Information received from [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] may have taken the coins.

### **II. Context/Background**

During the early 1970s, the price of copper rose dramatically. Accordingly, the United States Mint became concerned that, under the then-existing statute that specified the composition of the one-cent coin, continued increases in copper prices could make the cost of producing the one-cent significantly more than its face value. As a result of the increased cost of copper in the one-cent coin, the United States Mint embarked on conducting tests to identify potential alternative metals, including aluminum and bronze-clad steel, to be used in the production of one-cent coins. In 1974, the United States Mint proposed aluminum as a replacement for copper in the one-cent coin, and it struck approximately 1.57 million aluminum pieces, patterned after the 1974 one-cent coin, as prototypes to test both aluminum's viability as a replacement material and to evaluate the United States Mint's ability to coin aluminum blanks in high-speed, high-volume production runs. Several of these prototype aluminum pieces were provided to Members of Congress, so they could examine them and ascertain whether they would support legislation to adopt an aluminum one-cent coin. Ultimately, the proposed legislation that would have authorized an aluminum one-cent coin was rejected. All of the prototype pattern aluminum one-cent pieces remaining in the United States Mint's

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possession were subsequently destroyed. However, some of the pieces that the United States Mint provided to Members of Congress for examination were never returned. Since that time, the United States Mint has been unable to identify the specific Members of Congress to whom the prototype pattern pieces were given, and the United States Mint also has been unable to account for exactly how many of the prototype aluminum pieces were returned and how many remain at large.

In March 2009, Mr. Daniel P. Shaver, Chief Counsel, United States Mint provided a correspondence to the Treasury Office of Inspector General where he identifies that the 1974 prototype pattern aluminum one-cent pieces were solely experimental prototypes, and that the United States Mint never issued these pieces, nor did it have the lawful authority to issue them. Mr. Shaver also stated that the United States Mint regards all of these pieces as property belonging to the United States, and that no one may lawfully circulate, sell, buy, or hold them. Mr. Shaver further stated that because no one may acquire valid title to these pieces, it is the United States Mint's position that these pieces are subject to recovery by the United States Government.

In March 2009, the United States Mint learned that three of the missing prototype pattern aluminum one-cent pieces ostensibly had been in the possession of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] since sometime in 1974. The United States Mint reported that information to the Treasury Office of Inspector General and an investigation was initiated. The source of the information relating to the three prototype pattern aluminum one-cent pieces received by the United States Mint was [REDACTED] of [REDACTED].

Interviews of [REDACTED] and all identified parties, provided insufficient evidence to indicate that any of the surviving children of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Date of Death: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] are currently in possession of, have possessed in the past or have current knowledge of the whereabouts of the three 1974 prototype aluminum one-cent coins.

### INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY

As a result of interviews conducted with the surviving children of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and other potential knowledgeable parties, it appears that from approximately 1974 until the 2006, 2007 timeframe, three of the missing 1974

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prototype aluminum one-cent coin patters were in the possession of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Subsequent to that time, the items were removed from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] s possession by an unknown individual(s). (Exhibits 2 - 8)

### FINDINGS

As a result of the interviews conducted of all parties known to the Government concerning the whereabouts of the three prototype aluminum one-cent coins, it was concluded that there was insufficient evidence identified to pursue any criminal action against any of the surviving children of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] or any other person. Additionally, insufficient information was obtained to locate and move forward on a Civil Replevin Action to recover the missing prototype aluminum one-cent coins.

### REFERRALS

#### I. Criminal: N/A

II. Civil: On April 21, 2009 consultations with [REDACTED] Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan concerning the potential for a civil recover of the property through a Replevin Action by the United States were conducted. As a result of the investigation, it was determined that there was insufficient information available as to the whereabouts of the three prototype aluminum one-cent coins to initiate the Replevin Action, and on May 27, 2009, AUSA [REDACTED] declined any further interest in this issue at this time. (Exhibit 9)

III. Administrative: Daniel P. Shaver, Chief Counsel, U.S. Mint has sent letters to the four surviving children of [REDACTED] requesting that they provide any information they have on the current whereabouts of the three missing aluminum prototype one-cent coins. (Exhibit 10)

### DISTRIBUTION

Edmund C. Moy, Director, United States Mint  
Daniel P. Shaver, Chief Counsel, United States Mint

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EXHIBITS

- | <u>Number</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
|---------------|--|
| 1.            | March 25, 2009 correspondence from Dennis P. O'Connor, Chief, United States Mint Police, concerning the whereabouts of three aluminum pennies. |
| 2.            | Memorandum of Activity, Witness Interview of [REDACTED] dated April 2, 2009.   |
| 3.            | Memorandum of Activity, Receipt of Documents from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] dated April 23, 2009.  |
| 4.            | Memorandum of Activity, Interview of [REDACTED] dated May 11, 2009.  |
| 5.            | Memorandum of Activity, Interview of [REDACTED] dated May 11, 2009.  |
| 6.            | Memorandum of Activity, Interview of [REDACTED] dated May 12, 2009.  |
| 7.            | Memorandum of Activity, Telephonic Contact with [REDACTED] dated May 13, 2009.   |
| 8.            | Memorandum of Activity, Telephonic Contact with [REDACTED] dated May 14, 2009.   |
| 9.            | Memorandum of Activity, Declination from Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] dated May 27, 2009.                                       |
| 10.           | Memorandum of Activity, Contact with Daniel Shaver, Chief Counsel, U.S. Mint, dated May 27, 2009.  |

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TO: [REDACTED] FROM: [REDACTED]  
DATE: 03/25/09 PAGES (w/cover): 10  
PHONE #: FAX #: 927-5799  
SUBJECT: 2009-HQ-011 Aluminum Pennies

☐ Urgent ☐ For review ☐ Please comment ☐ Please reply ☐ Per your request

**COMMENTS:**

Per our discussion



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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
UNITED STATES MINT  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

March 25, 2009

David S. Smith  
Special Agent in Charge  
Office of Investigations  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Office of Inspector General  
740 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20220

RE: U.S. Mint Police Incident Report 2009-HQ-011

Dear Mr. Smith:

On March 16, 2009, [REDACTED] an attorney located in [REDACTED] contacted the United States Mint concerning allegation that [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] in possession of three aluminum pennies.

We are forwarding this information to you for review and consideration.

For additional information regarding this matter, please contact [REDACTED], United States Mint Police at 202-[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis P. O'Connor", is written over a horizontal line.

Dennis P. O'Connor  
Chief  
United States Mint Police

Cc: Dan Shaver

# INCIDENT REPORT

1. CASE NUMBER 2009 HQ 1011		<input type="checkbox"/> Sensitive	2. DATE OF REPORT 3/24/09
3. NATURE OF INCIDENT Possession of Aluminum Pennies		4. LOCATION OF INCIDENT [REDACTED]	
		5. TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT 1:33 PM 03/24/09	

## 6. PERSONS INVOLVED (Complainant, Victims, Witness, Suspect, etc.)

Status	Name	SSN	DOB	Occupation	Address or Department	Tel Nur
Complainant	[REDACTED]			Lawyer	[REDACTED]	301730
Subject	[REDACTED]				[REDACTED]	
Witness	[REDACTED]				[REDACTED]	

## 7. PROPERTY INVOLVED (Lost, Found, Stolen, Damaged, Evidence, etc.)

Property Category	Quantity	Description (Make, Model, Color, etc.)	Serial or ID Number	Owner
Other	03	Aluminum Pennies		

## 8. DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Complainant contacted the USM Legal office stating that [REDACTED] is acting as an [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]'s will. [REDACTED] claims that prior to [REDACTED] death [REDACTED] had been in possession of three aluminum pennies which were given to [REDACTED] by an unknown male while [REDACTED] was employed as a toll booth operator in Illinois. [REDACTED] stated that prior to the [REDACTED] death the [REDACTED] listed as the subject above took the pennies from [REDACTED] and currently has them in [REDACTED] possession. Complainant stated that [REDACTED] listed as the witness as seen in the pennies and are sure they are in the possession of the subject.

## 9. NOTIFICATIONS (Indicate time and person notified)

Captain		PD		Secret Service	D. Smith 03/24/09
OIC		Fire		FBI	
Section Chief		Ambulance		EOD	
Security Officer		Wrecker		Other	

## 10. ATTACHMENTS (List)

Email attachments

## 11. REPORTING OFFICER RECOMMENDS

☒ Follow-up Investigation☒ By OIG☐ File☐ Other

## 12. Reporting Officer

13. Reviewed By

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
United States Mint

Mint Form 5002 (Front)  
(Revised 02/01)

Wallace, Norman

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From: O'Connor, Dennis  
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 10:39 AM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: 1974 Aluminum Pennies

[REDACTED]

Please see the below email trail and draft a memo forwarding this to the IG. Thank you

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From: Shaver, Daniel P.  
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 10:19 AM  
To: O'Connor, Dennis  
Subject: FW: 1974 Aluminum Pennies

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 2:07 PM  
To: Shaver, Daniel P.  
Subject: FW: 1974 Aluminum Pennies

More.

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 1:33 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: 1974 Aluminum Pennies

[REDACTED] an attorney from [REDACTED], called with information on some aluminum pennies. [REDACTED] is

[REDACTED] died recently. [REDACTED] was a toll booth operator in Illinois years ago. A gentleman went through [REDACTED] toll booth and gave [REDACTED] a few 1974 aluminum pennies. (I think [REDACTED] said three pennies.) [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of the estate. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] took these pennies from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was ill. [REDACTED] says that [REDACTED] has seen them. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] quite sure [REDACTED] is in possession of them. When [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] about the pennies, [REDACTED] said "I can't help you." That has been her sole response.

3/17/2009

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1974\\_aluminum\\_cent](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1974_aluminum_cent)



[REDACTED]  
From:

Sent:

Tuesday, March 24, 2009 12:33 PM

To:

[REDACTED]  
Here is the name of [REDACTED] - RE: 3 aluminum pennies.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

# 1974 aluminum cent

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **1974 aluminum cent** was a one-cent coin proposed by the United States Mint in 1973. It was composed of an alloy of aluminum and trace metals, and intended to replace the predominantly copper–zinc cent due to the rising costs of coin production in the traditional bronze alloy. 1,571,167 were struck in anticipation of release, but none were released into circulation. Examples were passed out to US Congressmen in a bid to win favor in switching to the new alloy. When the proposed aluminum cent was rejected, the Mint recalled and destroyed the examples. A few aluminum cents not returned to the Mint are believed to remain in existence. One example was donated to the Smithsonian Institution, while another was alleged to have been found by a US Capitol Police Officer. Since the United States Secret Service is tasked with the seizure of any specimens, the legality of the coins is in doubt.

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## History

In late 1973, the price of copper on world markets rose to a point where the metallic value of the cent was almost equal to its face value.<sup>[1][2][3]</sup> The U.S. Mint, which produces billions of cents annually, was faced with a potentially catastrophic operating deficit, due to issues of seigniorage. As a result, the Mint tested alternate metals, including aluminum and bronze-clad steel.<sup>[4]</sup> A composition of 96% aluminum (with trace elements for stability) was chosen.<sup>[1][5]</sup> The composition was chosen due to its longevity on coin die use, and aluminum's high resistance to tarnishing.<sup>[6]</sup> 1,571,167 examples of the new cents were struck.<sup>[1][5]</sup> Although they were produced in 1973, they were struck using 1974 dated dies in

### Cent (United States)

<b>Value:</b>	0.01 U.S. dollar
<b>Mass:</b>	0.937 g (0.030 troy oz)
<b>Diameter:</b>	19.05 mm (0.75 in)
<b>Thickness:</b>	1.55 mm (0.061 in)
<b>Edge:</b>	Plain/Smooth
<b>Composition:</b>	96% Aluminum with trace metals min 4 in.
<b>Years of minting:</b>	1974–1975
<b>Catalog number:</b>	Judd J2151/Pollack P2084 (1974 Aluminum) Judd J2152 (1974 Bronze-Plated Steel) Judd J2155 (1974 Aluminum)

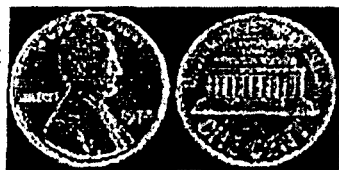
### Obverse



<b>Design:</b>	Abraham Lincoln
<b>Designer:</b>	Victor D. Brenn
<b>Design date:</b>	1909

### Reverse

anticipation of release into circulation in that year.<sup>[1][4]</sup>



1974 aluminum cent obverse and reverse.

In an effort to gain acceptance for the new composition, the Mint distributed approximately three dozen examples to various members of the House Banking and Currency Committee

and the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee. Nine congressmen and four senators received examples, along with some Treasury officials.<sup>[1]</sup> Additional specimens were given out by then Mint

Director Mary Brooks.<sup>[5]</sup> Ultimately, the proposal was rejected in Congress, due mainly to the efforts of the copper-mining and vending machine industries<sup>[7]</sup>, who felt the coins would cause mechanical problems<sup>[8]</sup>. Opposition also came from pediatricians and pediatric radiologists who pointed out the radiodensity of the metal inside the respiratory and gastrointestinal tracts was close to that of soft tissue, and therefore would be difficult to detect in a roentgenogram<sup>[8]</sup>. In addition, the price of copper declined enough that making copper cents would again be profitable. The idea of changing the composition of the cent would not be explored again until the 1980s, in 1982 the composition of the coin was changed to the current 99.2% zinc and 0.8% copper core alloy with a plating of pure copper and a 20% weight reduction.<sup>[9]</sup>

After the setback, the US Mint recalled the coins back, but about a dozen<sup>[10]</sup> to 14<sup>[11]</sup> aluminum cents were never returned to the mint. No oversight, record keeping, or statement that the coins had to be returned was made by the US Mint as examples were handed out.<sup>[1]</sup> The Federal Bureau of Investigation and other government law enforcement agencies were called in to investigate, however some congressmen feigned ignorance and/or denied getting examples.<sup>[1]</sup> They are now considered government property, and are subject to seizure by the Secret Service,<sup>[11]</sup> though the legality of the cent is questioned by numismatists.<sup>[1][5]</sup> One aluminum cent was donated to the Smithsonian Institution for the National Numismatic Collection.<sup>[1][6]</sup> Since no examples have been put up for public or known private sale,<sup>[12]</sup> it is difficult to estimate their value.

The coin is considered by a few numismatists not as a *pattern coin* but rather a *rejected or cancelled regular issue* despite being listed in pattern books.<sup>[4]</sup>

## Toven Specimen

In the February 20, 2001 edition of *Numismatic News*, Alan Herbert reported the existence of an aluminum cent. It was attributed to US Capitol Police Officer Albert Toven who found the coin dropped by an unnamed US Congressman on the floor of the Rayburn Office Building. When the officer attempted to return the coin to the congressman, thinking it was a dime, the congressman told him to keep it.<sup>[1][13]</sup> This example was graded and certified by the Independent Coin Grading Company as "About Uncirculated-58" in 2005, but later certified Mint State 62 two months later by Professional Coin Grading Service.<sup>[1][4][5][13][14]</sup>



<b>Design:</b>	Lincoln Memorial
<b>Designer:</b>	Frank Gasparro
<b>Design date:</b>	1959



## Other examples

Several other related examples are alleged to have existed at some point or another, including:

- 10 examples of a 1974-D aluminum cent, produced at the Denver Mint.<sup>[15]</sup>
- Examples produced in bronze-clad steel.<sup>[4][5]</sup>
- 66 Aluminum cents made in 1975 as trial strikings.<sup>[16][17]</sup>
- "Nonsense" description trial strikings of various compositions.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Notes and references

1. <sup>^</sup> *^ a b c d e f g h i j k l m* Bowers pg 246.
2. <sup>^</sup> Judd pg 319.
3. <sup>^</sup> DeLorey, Tom (November 2005). "Certified: '74 Aluminum Cent". *COINage*. p. 34.
4. <sup>^</sup> *^ a b c d e* uspatterns.com. "J2151/P2084" (<http://uspatterns.com/p2084.html>). uspatterns.com. <http://uspatterns.com/p2084.html>. Retrieved on 2007-01-24.
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9. <sup>^</sup> Yeoman, Pg 119
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
UNITED STATES MINT  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

March 26, 2009

David S. Smith  
Special Agent in Charge for Operations  
Office of the Inspector General  
United States Department of the Treasury  
Washington, DC 20220

RE: Aluminum One-Cent Pieces

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is to advise you of the United States Mint's position on the legal status of aluminum one-cent pieces that it produced, but did not issue, in 1973.

For your information, I sent a letter to Mr. Brian Stafford of the United States Secret Service (USSS) on February 26, 2001, and my predecessor, Mr. Kenneth Gubin, sent a similar letter to the USSS on September 9, 1994, advising the USSS of the United States Mint's position on these pieces. I reference these letters only to reinforce that the United States Mint's stance with regard to these pieces has been consistent for almost 15 years.

The United States Mint's position is that it produced aluminum one-cent pieces, bearing the inscription "1974," solely as experimental prototypes. The United States Mint never issued these pieces, nor did it have lawful authority to issue them. Therefore, the United States Mint regards all of these pieces as the property belonging to the United States Government, and no one may lawfully circulate, sell, buy, or hold them. Because no individual may acquire valid title to these pieces, it is the United States Mint's position that they are subject to recovery by the USSS. This policy applies not only to the aluminum one-cent pieces, but also to similar experimental prototype pieces and other pieces that the United States Mint had no lawful authority to issue.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please contact me at (202) 354-7934.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Shaver  
Chief Counsel  
United States Mint



## MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY



Case Number: USM 09 0050	Reporting Office: Washington Field Office	Type of Activity: Witness Interview
Date/Time of Activity: April 2, 2009 / 9:55 AM	Date of Report Drafted: April 3, 2009	Location of Activity: [REDACTED]
Subject of Activity: [REDACTED]	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s)) [REDACTED] Senior Special Agent	Signature(s) and Dates(s) Signed: _____

On Thursday, April 2, 2009, Senior Special Agent (SSA) [REDACTED] Department of the Treasury, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations interviewed [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] residence located at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] concerning [REDACTED] knowledge of [REDACTED] being in possession of U.S. Mint property. Specifically, [REDACTED] was asked about [REDACTED] being in possession of 1974 aluminum penny(s) minted by the U.S. Mint as a test coin for display to members of the U.S. Congress.

To begin the interview, SSA [REDACTED] displayed [REDACTED] credentials for [REDACTED]'s review. [REDACTED] was then asked to provide any information [REDACTED] had concerning the missing U.S. Mint coin(s). According to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has never seen the 1974 aluminum pennies [REDACTED] had stated that [REDACTED] possessed. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] died on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] never having shown the pennies to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did recount the story [REDACTED] had told [REDACTED] as to how [REDACTED] came to possess them. According to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was the first [REDACTED] toll booth attended for the state of Illinois. [REDACTED] worked on the tollway around Chicago in the 1970's in the area of the tollway known as the "horn" where the tollway took a 90 degree turn to go north and south. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that in 1974, while working in the area of the horn, a "big wig" pulled into [REDACTED] lane and after paying his toll, handed [REDACTED] three coins and told [REDACTED] to put them in [REDACTED] pocket because they would be worth something someday. According to

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[REDACTED] never identified to [REDACTED] anyone else who the "big wig" was. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] saved the three coins [REDACTED] received that day, and they turned out to be three very unique pennies.

According to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had seen the coins and described them to [REDACTED] as being silver in color and having a white luster to them. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] last saw the coins approximately five years ago (2003), and that at the time the coins were kept in [REDACTED]'s dresser drawer in a blue plastic jewelry case along with a 1978 newspaper article from the Chicago Tribune. The newspaper article discussed the existence of aluminum pennies, their history, and that were being sought by the United States Secret Service for return to the U.S. Mint.

According to [REDACTED] in October 2007 [REDACTED] was diagnosed with terminal cancer and wasn't expected to live more than three months. During that time period [REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s [REDACTED] came to live with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] home located at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] believed that sometime between November 7 - 22, 2007, the three coins disappeared from [REDACTED]'s dresser drawer. [REDACTED] related a story [REDACTED] had heard from [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]), that [REDACTED]'s [REDACTED] had come into the house one day and instructed both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to sit in the living room and not move. For approximately four hours [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) was in [REDACTED]'s bedroom, and based on the sounds coming from the bedroom, [REDACTED] appeared to be going through the [REDACTED]'s room looking for something. After some time, [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) reappeared in the living room never mentioning to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] what [REDACTED] had been doing or looking for.

On Thanksgiving Day 2007, [REDACTED] was at [REDACTED]'s home with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] family. At some point the discussion turned to the coins [REDACTED] had received in 1974 on the tollway, and [REDACTED] instructed [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) to go get the three pennies from [REDACTED] dresser and bring them out for everyone to look at. When [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) returned from [REDACTED]'s bedroom, [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) stated that the coins were missing from the blue jewelry case, but the newspaper article about them remained. At that time, [REDACTED] mentioned that [REDACTED] had questioned [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) about the "valuable coins" [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) had. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) that [REDACTED] knew of them, but had never seen them.

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At that point everyone, to include [REDACTED] concluded that [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ) had been searching for the coins and found them, and took them. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ) either the Sunday after Thanksgiving (November 25, 2007) or the Sunday following Christmas (December 30, 2007) and asked [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ) to return the coins to [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s reply was "I cannot help you," which [REDACTED] thought was a strange response.

According to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ) and [REDACTED] family returned to [REDACTED]'s house in the January to March 2008 timeframe, before the [REDACTED] died on [REDACTED] at least one more time. In addition to [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ) and [REDACTED] family, the [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ) and [REDACTED] also showed up at the house at the same time. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was told by [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ) that [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ) and [REDACTED] children [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] along with [REDACTED] searched throughout the house and upon leaving took a number of things with them to include a bag of coins that [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ) had left in the house from when [REDACTED] was a child.

[REDACTED] also related another incident that happened on the day [REDACTED] was buried. According to [REDACTED], upon [REDACTED]'s death [REDACTED] was searching for [REDACTED]'s engagement and wedding rings so that [REDACTED] could be buried wearing them. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] thought the rings were somewhere in the house but [REDACTED] couldn't find them. Later, at the viewing for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] confronted [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ) concerning the missing coins. Again, [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ) stated "I cannot help you." [REDACTED] then asked if [REDACTED] knew what happened to [REDACTED]'s rings as [REDACTED] wanted their [REDACTED] buried with [REDACTED] rings, and [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ) didn't answer [REDACTED]. Later, after the funeral and grave side service, [REDACTED] approached [REDACTED] and told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had given [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ) the rings and [REDACTED] had given them to her daughter, [REDACTED].

According to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]'s estate, and as such in May 2008, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went through [REDACTED]'s house and began clearing out the house of items that were junk and began inventorying the items of value that remained. During this period, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did a complete search of the residence for the coins, with no success. As part of the process of executing [REDACTED] duties as [REDACTED] of the estate, [REDACTED] made a written request to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to return any property taken from the home just prior to

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[REDACTED]'s death for inclusion in the estate. According to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] received a letter from an attorney representing [REDACTED], requesting the identification of any items that [REDACTED] claimed were missing from the estate. [REDACTED] stated that this was very odd, and that it was impossible for [REDACTED] to know what was in the estate at the time of [REDACTED]'s death, or just prior to [REDACTED]'s death, and [REDACTED] was relying on [REDACTED]'s honesty to return any items from the estate so that [REDACTED] could accomplish an equitable and fair distribution of the estate.

[REDACTED] also identified that while [REDACTED] was back in [REDACTED] dealing with the finalization of [REDACTED]'s estate, [REDACTED] spoke with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] who is the [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ) has no need for money now, but didn't elaborate on the comment any further. [REDACTED] said that at the time of the conversation with [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ), [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ) was aware of the missing pennies and that they were potentially worth hundreds of thousands, if not millions of dollars.

[REDACTED] was asked if [REDACTED] or any of [REDACTED] had been experiencing financial difficulty in the time leading up to [REDACTED]'s death, and [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] were apparently in good financial condition, and that [REDACTED] would occasionally help out [REDACTED] out financially. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] doing [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are retired.

[REDACTED] was also specifically asked by SSA [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] had the coins or had ever had possession of the coins and [REDACTED] advised that he did not.

In closing, [REDACTED] provided the following information about [REDACTED] self and [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Telephone: [REDACTED]  
DOB: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Telephone: [REDACTED]

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DOB: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Reviewed By (Initials): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## INVESTIGATIVE PLAN



<u>Title:</u> Missing U.S. Mint Property	<u>Case Number:</u> USM 09 0050	<u>Priority Investigation:</u> YES NO (Choose one) No
<u>Special Agent:</u> SSA [REDACTED]	<u>Office/Branch/Supervisor:</u> SAIC [REDACTED]	
<u>Date Investigation Opened:</u> March 27, 2009  <u>Target Completion Date:</u> (NTE 360 DAYS FROM INITIATION) May 31, 2009	FIRST CASE REVIEW - 60 DAYS [PUT DATE HERE]	
	SECOND CASE REVIEW - 60 DAYS [PUT DATE HERE]	
	THIRD CASE REVIEW - 60 DAYS [PUT DATE HERE]	

<b>SUBJECT(S) OF INVESTIGATION:</b>			
<u>Name:</u> [REDACTED]	<u>Title:</u> Civilian	<u>Grade:</u> N/A	<u>Location:</u> [REDACTED]

<b>ALLEGATION INFORMATION:</b>
<u>Summary of Allegation(s):</u> [REDACTED] (Subject) is reported to be in possession of three (3) un-monetized 1974 aluminum pennies belonging to the U.S. Mint
<u>Source of Allegations:</u> [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Chronology of Events as Reported:  
(Timeline)

**STANDARD(S) & VIOLATION(S):**

Relevant Statutes/Directives/Regulations/Policies:

18 USC 641, Theft or unlawful conversion of Government property.

However, due to the time period between the loss (1974) and the inability to impart knowledge of the coins being stolen to the subject, we will be pursuing a civil seizure of the coins through the U.S. Attorney's office in the jurisdiction where we locate the coins.

Criminal Violations:

See above

Administrative Violations/Policy:

N/A

**PLAN, INTERVIEWS AND DOCUMENTS:**

Questions to be Answered by this Investigation:

Where are the coins

Investigative Steps:

Target  
Date:

Interview

Affidavit Yes/No

Tape Record Yes/No



Interview [REDACTED] Interview [REDACTED] Contact USAO-Civil Interview [REDACTED] Attempt to obtain Civil Seizure Order from U.S. District Court Seize coins Return coins to U.S. Mint	4/2/09 4/16/09 4/16/09 4/28/09 4/29/09 4/29/09 4/30/09	No	No
<u>Anticipated Document Requests:</u>			<u>Due Date:</u>



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## REQUEST FOR RESEARCH

A. REQUESTOR ☐ Foreign ☒ U.S. Federal ☐ U.S. State/Local  
Name: [REDACTED] Requesting Agency: Treasury OIG  
Title: Senior Special Agent Operation/Project Name: N/A  
Address: 740 15th Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20220  
Telephone: (202) 927-1084 Agency Case Number: USM 09 0050  
Fax: (202) 927-5799 E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

### B. CERTIFYING OFFICIAL (Supervisor)

I hereby certify, on behalf of the agency listed above, that this request for research is being submitted in support of a law enforcement, regulatory, or tax investigation or proceeding, or a national security matter, including the conduct of intelligence or counterintelligence activities to protect against international terrorism.

Name: [REDACTED] Title: Special Agent in Charge  
Address: 740 15th Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20220  
Telephone: (202) 927-0315 Fax: (202) 927-5799 Email Address: [REDACTED]  
Signature/Date: [REDACTED] 4/28/09

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Are you interested in networking with domestic requestors? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Are you interested in networking with international requestors? ☐ Yes ☒ No

### D. INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION ☒ Criminal ☒ Civil ☐ Regulatory

1. Are other Agencies participating in this investigation? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, please identify the agencies here: N/A

2. In order to help us respond to your request, please provide a detailed overview/purpose (e.g., asset identification) of this investigation and the principal violation(s) and what type of information you need from FinCEN. Use a separate page if needed.

During the early 1970s, the price of copper rose to a point where the cent almost contained more than one cent's worth of copper. This led the Mint to test alternate metals, including aluminum and bronze-clad steel. In 1974, aluminum was chosen to replace copper in the penny, and approximately 1.57 million of these prototype pattern cents were struck and were ready for public release before ultimately being rejected. About a dozen prototype pattern aluminum cents were given to government officials, in particular to congressmen as a prototype pattern example. Some of these prototype pattern coins are believed to still be in the hands of collectors, although they are now considered illegal and are subject to seizure by the Treasury Department. In March 2009, it was reported to the Treasury OIG that three of the missing prototype pattern coins were in the possession of [REDACTED] since 1974. Upon [REDACTED] death in [REDACTED] the prototype pattern coins reportedly changed hands into the possession of [REDACTED]. Estimates on the value of the prototype pattern coins range from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 per coin. It is requested that CTR's (FinCEN Form 104), SAR's (Treasury Form TD F 90-22.47), FBAR's (Treasury Form TD F 90-22.1) and Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments (FinCEN Form 105) be run on [REDACTED] to determine if there are any indications that [REDACTED] may have recently sold these prototype pattern coins.

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## SUBJECT INFORMATION

**Total Number of Subjects in Request:** 2

**Primary Subject(s) of Investigation (individual or business):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (MNU)  
Last Middle

A.K.A.s: Unknown

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street Apt. or Suite #

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country USA

Telephone #: (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) FBI # / SID #: Unknown

DOB: [REDACTED] SSN/EIN: [REDACTED]

POB: Unknown Gender: [REDACTED] Race: Caucasian

Passport #: Unknown Country: Unknown

Alien Reg. #: N/A Driver's License # / State: Unknown

**Other information or comments:**

**[REDACTED] of Subject 2**

**Additional Subject(s) of Investigation (individual or business):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

A.K.A.s: Unknown

Address [REDACTED]

Number [REDACTED] Street [REDACTED] Apt. or Suite # [REDACTED]

Number \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. or Suite # \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: [REDACTED] FBI # / SID #: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: Unknown SSN/EIN: Unknown

POB: Unknown Gender: [REDACTED] Race: [REDACTED]

Passport #: Unknown Country: Unknown

Alien Reg. #: Unknown Driver's License # / State: Unknown

**Other information or comments:**

**Subject 1**

Attach additional sheets as needed. Number of additional sheets: 0

From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@fincen.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2009 8:19 AM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
Subject: Response to your expedite request

[REDACTED]

Both of your subjects were negative in the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) database, which includes the CTRs, SARs, and all of the other forms you named.

Both of your subjects were negative in FinCEN's internal law enforcement databases, which FinCEN queries for networking purposes.

Would you please let me know if this e-mail will suffice as a response to your request, or if you need a negative report?

Thank you.

[REDACTED]  
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## MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY



Case Number: USM 09 0050	Reporting Office: Washington Field Office	Type of Activity: Telephonic Contact
Date/Time of Activity: May 14, 2009, 10:00 AM	Date of Report Drafted: May 18, 2009	Location of Activity: 740 15 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW Suite 500 Washington, DC
Subject of Activity: [REDACTED]	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s)) [REDACTED] Senior Special Agent	Signature(s) and Date(s) [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

On Thursday, May 14, 2009, Senior Special Agent (SSA) [REDACTED] Treasury Office of Inspector General (TOIG) received a telephone call from [REDACTED] (nee: [REDACTED]) concerning [REDACTED] knowledge of three 1974 aluminum prototype pennies that were allegedly in the possession of [REDACTED] prior to [REDACTED] death in [REDACTED]. In response to questions, [REDACTED] stated substantially the following: [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] has no knowledge as to the coins, and isn't even certain that they ever existed. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] doesn't have them and never has. [REDACTED] also stated that [REDACTED] has contacted [REDACTED] attorney, a [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] attorney question the veracity of SSA [REDACTED] and Inspector [REDACTED] actually being agents of the Government. SSA [REDACTED] invited [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] attorney to query the Internet for the website for the Treasury Office of Inspector General and to call the number to validate the identity of the SSA. SSA [REDACTED] also invited both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to contact the Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] at the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan to verify the identity of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] then went on to advise that [REDACTED] had been very ill with cancer before [REDACTED] death and that some of the medications [REDACTED] had been taking for a prior back surgery had made [REDACTED] hallucinate. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] wasn't sure that the coins ever existed. [REDACTED] also stated that neither [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] were ever in possession of the mysterious coins, and [REDACTED] has no knowledge as to anyone ever possessing them. When asked if [REDACTED] would submit to an in-person interview

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in the future, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] has nothing to add and that [REDACTED] has no knowledge of the coins in question.

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Date/Time of Activity: May 11, 2009, 2:00 PM	Date of Report Drafted: May 15, 2009	Location of Activity: [REDACTED]
Subject of Activity: [REDACTED]	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s)) [REDACTED] Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] Inspector U.S. Mint Police	Signature(s) and Date(s) Signed: [REDACTED]

On Monday, May 11, 2009, Senior Special Agent (SSA) [REDACTED] Treasury Office of Inspector General and [REDACTED], Inspector, U.S. Mint Police interviewed [REDACTED] in the visitors area at [REDACTED] where [REDACTED] is employed. [REDACTED] was advised [REDACTED] was being interviewed concerning [REDACTED] knowledge of prototype coins that had allegedly been in the possession of [REDACTED] of [REDACTED].

To begin the interview, SSA [REDACTED] and Inspector [REDACTED] displayed their official Government credentials for [REDACTED] to inspect.

[REDACTED] provided substantially the following information. [REDACTED] had little to no specific knowledge of the coins in question. [REDACTED] stated that since [REDACTED]'s death in [REDACTED], there has been a rift between the [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] because of some allegedly valuable coins that [REDACTED] was supposed to have had. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] has never seen them and that [REDACTED] isn't even sure if they ever existed. [REDACTED] stated that the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] have polarized into two camps over these coins and it is unfortunate. [REDACTED] went on to state that [REDACTED] has no other knowledge of the coins.

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[REDACTED] was asked about a specific comment [REDACTED] made to [REDACTED] about [REDACTED]. Specifically [REDACTED] reportedly had said ' [REDACTED] has no financial worries now.' When asked to explain what [REDACTED] meant by the comment, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are financially well off because of [REDACTED]'s employment and [REDACTED] being a genius when it comes to computers.

[REDACTED] had nothing additional to add to the interview, and the interview was terminated.

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Date/Time of Activity: May 11, 2009; 7:00 PM	Date of Report Drafted: May 18, 2009	Location of Activity: [REDACTED]
Subject of Activity: [REDACTED]	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s)) [REDACTED] Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] Inspector U.S. Mint Police	Signature(s) and Date(s) Signed: [REDACTED]

On Monday, May 11, 2009, Senior Special Agent (SSA) [REDACTED] Treasury Office of Inspector General and [REDACTED] Inspector, U.S. Mint Police interviewed [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] residence located at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was advised [REDACTED] was being interviewed concerning [REDACTED] knowledge of prototype aluminum pennies that had allegedly been in the possession of [REDACTED] of [REDACTED].

To begin the interview, SSA [REDACTED] and Inspector [REDACTED] displayed their official Government credentials for [REDACTED] to inspect.

[REDACTED] provided substantially the following information. In the early 1970's, [REDACTED] had been shown the aluminum pennies by [REDACTED] after [REDACTED] received them while working at a toll booth on the East/West Tollway at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] IL. According to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had been working at the toll booth when a "big wig" handed [REDACTED] three pennies and told [REDACTED] to hold on to them because they would be worth something someday. [REDACTED] remembered holding the coins at that time and that they unusually light in weight and were almost white in color. [REDACTED] went on to state that the next time [REDACTED] saw the pennies, it was in 2006 or 2007 and they were in a plastic jewelry box in [REDACTED]'s dresser drawer, and the coins were wrapped in a newspaper article that discussed how there were 13 of these pennies

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at large and that they were being sought by the Government for return to the U.S. Mint.

According to [REDACTED] was told by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that sometime around Thanksgiving or Christmas 2007, [REDACTED] had visited [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] home in [REDACTED]. During that visit, [REDACTED] had instructed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to stay in either the living room or the kitchen while [REDACTED] went into the [REDACTED] bedroom. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that based upon the sounds coming from [REDACTED] bedroom, it sounded as if [REDACTED] was going through [REDACTED] dresser drawers. Sometime later, before [REDACTED] death, when [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were visiting [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] home, at the direction of [REDACTED] went to get the coins from [REDACTED] dresser drawer to show everyone. [REDACTED] stated that when [REDACTED] went into the dresser drawer, the plastic jewelry case was empty, and the newspaper article had been left unfolded in the drawer. When [REDACTED] went back to [REDACTED] to tell [REDACTED] that the coins were missing, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] must have taken them.

[REDACTED] also recalled a second incident when [REDACTED] brought [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to the [REDACTED] house in the summer of either 2006 or 2007. During that visit, the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] went upstairs and apparently rifled through [REDACTED] belongings that [REDACTED] had left at [REDACTED] house. Upon their leaving the house, [REDACTED] had a shoe box filled with coins that [REDACTED] had collected as a child, and the children were walking out of the house with them.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had no other specific knowledge of where the missing aluminum pennies might be, and he specifically stated that [REDACTED] had never removed them nor caused them to be removed from [REDACTED] house.

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Date/Time of Activity: May 12, 2009, 3:00 PM	Date of Report Drafted: May 18, 2009	Location of Activity: [REDACTED]
Subject of Activity: [REDACTED]	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s)) [REDACTED] Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] Inspector U.S. Mint Police	Signature(s) and Dates(s) Signed: [REDACTED]

On Tuesday, May 12, 2009, Senior Special Agent (SSA) [REDACTED] Treasury Office of Inspector General and [REDACTED], Inspector, U.S. Mint Police interviewed [REDACTED] on the front doorstep of [REDACTED] residence located at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was asked if [REDACTED] was aware why SSA [REDACTED] and Inspector [REDACTED] were at [REDACTED] residence to interview [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was made aware of the agents presence by [REDACTED] who had contacted [REDACTED] the day before to let [REDACTED] know that they would be attempting to contact [REDACTED] concerning three 1974 aluminum pennies.

To begin the interview, SSA [REDACTED] and Inspector [REDACTED] displayed their official Government credentials for [REDACTED] to inspect.

At the onset of the contact with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had no desire to talk to the interviewers concerning the matter. After a few moments, [REDACTED] began to discuss the issue, and [REDACTED] provided substantially the following information. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had no specific knowledge as to the actual existence of the three "pennies" that [REDACTED] supposedly had in [REDACTED] possession. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had never been told about them by [REDACTED] and first learned of the coins existence in mid-2008 just prior to [REDACTED]'s death. [REDACTED] went on to state that [REDACTED] doesn't have the three pennies and [REDACTED] has

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no idea who might have them. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] wasn't ever sure the pennies even really exist. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] had back surgery and from that time on the medication [REDACTED] had for [REDACTED] back and the medication [REDACTED] had been prescribed for [REDACTED] cancer had left [REDACTED] hallucinating. [REDACTED] said that there are two possibilities associated with the pennies, the coins may have existed at one point but [REDACTED] gave them away or they never existed at all. Either way, [REDACTED] has no idea what happened to them. [REDACTED] stated specifically that [REDACTED] doesn't have them and [REDACTED] never had them, and that no one in [REDACTED] immediate family, [REDACTED] or children ever possessed the coins.

[REDACTED] went on to state that this fiasco was started by [REDACTED] and that it is tearing their family apart over their [REDACTED] s estate. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had nothing further to offer and the interview was terminated.

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Date/Time of Activity: May 13, 2009, 4:00 PM	Date of Report Drafted: May 18, 2009	Location of Activity: [REDACTED]
Subject of Activity: [REDACTED]	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s)) [REDACTED] Senior Special Agent	Signature(s) and Date(s) Signed: [REDACTED]

On Wednesday, May 13, 2009, Senior Special Agent (SSA) [REDACTED] Treasury Office of Inspector General (TOIG) received a telephone call from [REDACTED] concerning the SSA's numerous attempts to contact [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised during the telephone conversation that [REDACTED] had no knowledge as to the location of the pennies that the SSA was trying to locate and that [REDACTED] had nothing else to say about the matter. When the SSA stated that [REDACTED] wasn't in a position to discuss the issue and requested an opportunity to either interview [REDACTED] over the telephone at another time or to have another agent meet with [REDACTED] person, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had nothing else to state and that [REDACTED] answers to any future questions would be, "I don't know." At that time the telephone conversation was ended.

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Date/Time of Activity: April 23, 2009 / 9:54 AM	Date of Report Drafted: April 24, 2009	Location of Activity: 740 15 <sup>th</sup> St., NW Washington, DC
Subject of Activity: [REDACTED]	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s)): [REDACTED] Senior Special Agent	Signature(s) and Date(s) Signed: [REDACTED] 4/24/09

On Thursday, April 23, 2009, Senior Special Agent (SSA) [REDACTED] Department of the Treasury, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations telephonically contacted [REDACTED] concerning contact [REDACTED] had with [REDACTED] an attorney representing [REDACTED] in the distribution of the estate of [REDACTED], the [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who died in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] provided the attached documents.

### Attachments:

- 1) Letter from [REDACTED] Attorney at Law, to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. RE: Contents of [REDACTED], dated [REDACTED].
- 2) Letter from [REDACTED], Attorney at Law, to [REDACTED]. RE: Estate of [REDACTED] County Case No. [REDACTED] dated [REDACTED].

Reviewed By (Initials): [REDACTED] Date: 5/28/09

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ATTORNEY AT LAW

FAX COVER SHEET

TO: [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED]

FAX NUMBER: (202) 927-5799

RE: Aluminum pennies

No. of Pages 9 (Including Cover Sheet)

COMMENTS: Dear [REDACTED]  
Following are the letters you requested.

☒ For your information

☒ Per your request

☐ Please reply as soon as possible

By [REDACTED]

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August 28, 2008

RE: Contents of [REDACTED]

Dear Beneficiaries:

As nominated in [REDACTED]'s will and court ordered as independent executor, my duty is to take possession or control of all personal property of the decedent. It has come to my attention that items have been removed from [REDACTED]'s house before [REDACTED]'s death. I request those items be returned and I be informed immediately of those arrangements so that those items may be inventoried and their value distributed under the terms of [REDACTED]'s will.

The items of property presently contained at [REDACTED] appear to fall into three categories: 1) items of value, 2) items that may have some small value and too numerous to list, and 3) items that have no value because of age and/or deterioration. I have prepared an inventory list of those items in category 1), which is enclosed for your information. I will consider any suggested additions to that list which you may have.

I am mindful of the written request of some of you to only permit distribution to take place in the presence of [REDACTED]'s four children (all the legatees in the will), however, there is not uniform agreement as to that suggested condition.

What will occur is that all beneficiaries may choose any items and the appraised value of those items will be attributed to that beneficiary's equal share. All unchosen items and items chosen by more than one beneficiary will be sold at an estate sale and/or yard sale. Each of you have fifteen (15) days from the date of this letter to return the list marked with your choices

(i.e. received by me by Friday, [REDACTED] or it will be deemed that no items are desired and an equal share of all items will be distributed as the estate is able. Should more time be needed to return your list of choices, you must request an extension, in writing, to be received by me by [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Independent Executor of the Estate of  
[REDACTED] Deceased and  
Attorney admitted Pro Hac Vice

**PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT**MASTER BEDROOM

1. Mahogany 5-drawer chest
2. Mahogany 5-drawer dresser
3. Mahogany Bed head and foot boards
4. Mahogany shield-shaped mirror
5. Mahogany nightstand
6. Queen sized mattress
7. Queen sized box foundation
8. 6-drawer lingerie chest
9. Cherry night stand
10. Alarm clock
11. Crucifix
12. Crucifix
13. Crucifix
14. Crucifix
15. Dressing seat

SECOND MAIN FLOOR BEDROOM ("TV ROOM")

16. RCA Color TV
17. TV Antennae (2)
18. VCR
19. DVD
20. Singer sewing machine
21. Small upholstered chair
22. Octagon table
23. Breakfront top & bottom
24. School desk
25. Brass lamp
26. Clock
27. 4 wood shelves and standards
28. Rocker - wood and upholstery

LIVING ROOM

29. Secretary with matching top cabinet
30. Breakfront top & bottom
31. Magnavox stereo console
32. Sofa
33. Chair - Gold upholstery/wood arms
34. End tables (2) matching
35. Chairs White upholstered back and seat (2) matching
36. Chair - upholstered seat
37. Chair - wood spindle back
38. Brass lamps - (2) matching
39. Divine Infant statue
40. Divine Infant statue
41. Large girl statue

- 42. Teak fold-up planter - 3 tier
- 43. Wexford air ionizer
- 44. Wooden sunburst wall decoration
- 45. Girl statue
- 46. Sacred Heart wall decoration
- 47. Mahogany end table
- 48. Bose AM/FM/CD player
- 49. Ottoman
- 50. Altar candle
- 51. Coffee table - wood oval
- 52. Mechanical chair - Blue corduroy
- 53. Drapes

#### DINING ROOM

- 54. Dining room table and leaves
- 55. Dining room chairs - (6) matching
- 56. Corner cupboard
- 57. Secretary
- 58. Mantle clock
- 59. Phone table
- 60. Metal File Cabinet - 4 drawer ("Corrian")
- 61. Shelves
- 62. Sconces - (2) brass candle - shell shaped
- 63. Telephone (Black)
- 64. Picture frame - "Antoinette shop"
- 65. Plate wall hangings
- 66. Silverware

#### KITCHEN

- 67. Kitchen table
- 68. Chairs -(2) MATCHING
- 69. Refrigerator

#### SOUTH SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM

- 70. Couch - blue flowered
- 71. Gold couch (from [REDACTED])
- 72. Full bed (Headboard and frame)
- 73. Full mattress
- 74. Box spring
- 75. Coffee table
- 76. Night stand
- 77. Kitchen chair
- 78. TV stand
- 79. Lamp - yellow
- 80. Lamp - glass
- 81. Mirror (4.5' x 3') beveled edge

NORTH SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM

- 82. Dresser and matching mirror
- 83. Brass lamps - (2) matching
- 84. Marble lamp
- 85. Brass lamp
- 86. Matching standard beds (headboards & metal frame)
- 87. Lampshade
- 88. Chair - upholstered paisley
- 89. Drum table
- 90. Kitchen step
- 91. Chair with cushioned seat
- 92. Hope chest
- 93. TV stand

SECOND FLOOR HALL CLOSET

- 94. Mink stole (2 minks)
- 95. Chest of drawers
- 96. Chair
- 97. Humidifier (2 gallon)
- 98. Textbooks (50)

NORTH BASEMENT

- 99. Hall table.
- 100. 3 card tables
- 101. Psychiatrist couch - *broken ripped*
- 102. Clothes rack
- 103. Bar - *water damaged*
- 104. Nook - *water damaged*
- 105. Portable dishwasher - *been used out*
- 106. Vacuum cleaner
- 107. Bi-fold table
- 108. Seamstress form
- 109. Pedestal floor lamp with four bulbs
- 110. Round mirror

SOUTH BASEMENT

- 111. Washer - Kenmore
- 112. Dryer - Kenmore
- 113. Christmas tree with lights & ornaments
- 114. Travel chest
- 115. Exercise bicycle
- 116. Dresser
- 117. Dresser
- 118. Metal cabinet
- 119. Desk

GARAGE

- 120. Aluminum Extension Ladder
- 121. Aluminum Step Ladder
- 122. 2 Golf Pull Carts
- 123. Pitchfork
- 124. 5 Shovels
- 125. 2 Snow Shovels
- 126. 4 Saws
- 127. Branch Clipper
- 128. Hoe
- 129. Golf Bag & Clubs
- 130. Schwinn Bicycle
- 131. Wheelbarrow
- 132. Exercise Bicycle
- 133. Lawn Mower
- 134. Snow Blower
- 135. Upholstered Chair — *carrige broken*
- 136. 4 Aluminum Lawn Chairs
- 137. 2 Small Step Ladders
- 138. Edger
- 139. Gardenhose & Reel
- 140. Varmint Trap
- 141. 2 Brooms
- 142. 2 Lawn Rakes
- 143. Electric Hedge Clipper
- 144. Bird Bath — *broken / cracked with leaks out*
- 145. Cast Iron Lawn Tables and Chairs





Attorney at Law

Legal Assistant

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September 9, 2008

VIA FACSIMILE @  
and by REGULAR U.S. MAILRE: Estate of  
County Case No.

Dear

I recently met with to discuss the status of the probate estate referenced above as well as your correspondence dated August 28, 2008. My client has asked me to communicate with you following our discussion with respect to a few matters affecting the probate estate. Kindly direct any responsive communication care of the undersigned.

While my client and I appreciate the difficulties that an Executor faces with respect to division of personal property, nonetheless the plan for distribution set forth in your correspondence is unacceptable for various reasons. First, you provide no explanation as to why the personal property distribution cannot take place exclusively in the presence of the siblings as requested by my client and perhaps one or more of the other siblings. There is no logical reason why extended family members who are not beneficiaries under the Will need be present at the time of the distribution. You indicate there is not "uniform agreement" as to proceeding in this manner, however, under all the circumstances I trust you can appreciate that distribution of the personal property can occur more efficiently and with less potential for hostility or distraction if limited to only the siblings.

In addition, it is troubling to see that you plan to sell to a third party any item that potentially is desired by more than one sibling, rather than provide a mechanism whereby the siblings can reach resolution in a manner that allows a family member to retain the item in question. Again, I understand it is difficult as an Executor to handle matters such as this and accordingly I can appreciate your desire to implement some guidelines to allow for finalization of the process. However, it simply makes no sense to force items

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into an estate sale or yard sale situation when clearly at least one sibling would benefit from having possession of the item as a remembrance of your [REDACTED]

Your correspondence indicates that you expect to receive the siblings' list of desired items by Friday, [REDACTED]. However, you also agreed to extend this deadline so long as a written request for extension is received within the same time frame. Accordingly, this correspondence serves as [REDACTED] formal request for an extension of your self-imposed deadline until such time as all of the siblings can reach agreement as to the manner in which personal property shall be distributed.

My client indicates that [REDACTED] desires to have only a few items set forth in the list attached to your [REDACTED] correspondence. There are also a few items not listed that my client would be interested in viewing and perhaps retaining at the time the distribution takes place. My client must insist once again that this process move forward at least initially with only the siblings involved in the process of distribution. This is not an unreasonable request and I expect that you will reconsider your position after reviewing this correspondence.

As you likely are aware, my client does have the right to proceed with a motion before the court to terminate your independent administration of this estate, thereby allowing for the court to make a decision as to the reasonable manner in which personal property shall be distributed. While this would be onerous for you as an out-of-state Executor because you would need court approval for all actions taken on behalf of the estate, nonetheless my client will not hesitate to proceed in this manner as provided by applicable [REDACTED] law should it become necessary. That being said, upon your reconsideration and agreement to proceed in the manner set forth in this correspondence, we can avoid litigation.

Please advise as to how you wish to proceed with respect to this matter. At the time you provide your response, I also would request that you specify what items you believe were removed from the home prior to [REDACTED]'s death. The first paragraph of your recent correspondence is ambiguous and certainly none of the siblings can be expected to respond to your indirect accusation without details.

Sincerely yours,

cc: [REDACTED]



## MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY



Case Number: USM 09 0050	Reporting Office: Washington Field Office	Type of Activity: Contact With U.S. Mint Counsel
Date/Time of Activity: May 27, 2009;	Date of Report Drafted: May 27, 2009	Location of Activity: 740 15 <sup>th</sup> St., NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC
Subject of Activity:  Daniel Shaver Chief Counsel U.S. Mint (202) [REDACTED]	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s)) [REDACTED] Senior Special Agent	Signature(s) and Dates(s) Signed:  [REDACTED] 5/27/09

On Wednesday, May 27, 2009, Senior Special Agent (SSO) [REDACTED] Department of the Treasury, Office of Inspector General contacted Daniel Shaver, Chief Counsel, United States Mint to discuss the issuance of a notification letter to each of the children of [REDACTED] concerning the whereabouts of three aluminum experimental prototype one-cent pieces created by the U.S. Mint in the 1973 - 1974 time period that were alleged to have been in the possession of [REDACTED] prior to [REDACTED] death in [REDACTED]

Shaver advised that on May 27, 2009, the originals of the attached letters were sent to:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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## MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY

Case Number: 2008-0057	Subject of Activity (Brief Description): [REDACTED]	Date of Activity: April 2, 2008
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Attachments:

- 1) Letter to [REDACTED] from Daniel Shaver, Chief Counsel, U.S. Mint, dated May 27, 2009.
- 2) Letter to [REDACTED] from Daniel Shaver, Chief Counsel, U.S. Mint, dated May 27, 2009.
- 3) Letter to [REDACTED] from Daniel Shaver, Chief Counsel, U.S. Mint, dated May 27, 2009.
- 4) Letter to [REDACTED], from Daniel Shaver, Chief Counsel, U.S. Mint, dated May 27, 2009.

Reviewed By (Initials): [Signature] Date: 5-25-09

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
UNITED STATES MINT  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

May 27, 2009

[REDACTED]

RE: Aluminum One-Cent Pieces

Dear [REDACTED]:


Recently, my office learned from officials of the Department of the Treasury's Office of Inspector General that your [REDACTED], [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] may have acquired and possessed three aluminum one-cent prototype pieces bearing an inscription of the year 1974. I am writing to advise you of the United States Government's position on the legal status of such aluminum one-cent pieces and to request your assistance in locating and recovering the three pieces that your mother may have had in her possession.

In 1973 and 1974, the United States Mint produced aluminum one-cent pieces, bearing the inscription "1974," solely as experimental prototypes. The United States Mint never issued these pieces, nor did it have lawful authority to issue them. Therefore, the United States Government regards all of these pieces as public property belonging to the United States, and that it is unlawful for anyone to circulate, sell, buy, or possess them. This legal position applies not only to 1974 aluminum one-cent pieces, but also to similar experimental prototype pieces and other pieces that the United States Mint had no lawful authority to issue as legal tender coinage.

In addition to the legal status of these pieces, the United States Mint recognizes their historic and symbolic value as true American heirlooms. Because of their unique nature, the United States Mint regards them as some of our country's most valuable and cherished numismatic artifacts. Accordingly, as national treasures, we believe it is particularly important for the United States Government to recover them on behalf of all the people of the United States.

If you have any information that could assist us in locating the three pieces that reportedly were in your mother's possession, please contact [REDACTED] of my office, at (202) 354-[REDACTED]. We would be extremely grateful for your assistance to the United States Mint and to the nation.

Sincerely,

  
Daniel P. Shaver  
Chief Counsel  
United States Mint



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Chief Counsel  
United States Mint





## REPORT OF INVESTIGATION



<b>DATE OF REPORT</b>	
<b>REPORT STATUS</b>	Final
<b>CASE NUMBER</b>	2007-0328
<b>CASE TITLE</b>	[REDACTED] Chief Financial Officer and President of the Black Patriots Memorial Foundation
<b>PERTINENT STATUTE(S), REGULATION(S), AND/OR POLICY(IES)</b>	Title 18 USC § 641 – Public money, property or records Title 18 USC 1001 – False Statements Public Law 108-15—APR 23, 2003

### SYNOPSIS

This case was initiated upon the receipt of correspondence from the General Counsel's Office, United States Mint (USM), regarding possible misuse of USM funds from the Coin Surcharge Program by a group named Black Patriots Memorial Foundation (BPMF). The USM advised that the organization received approximately \$902,000.00 in USM funds from the sale of commemorative coins, as authorized by Congress, and disbanded without providing the requisite annual "Audited Financial Opinion." (Exhibits 1, 2)

The resulting United States Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI) investigation revealed that no members of the Black Patriots Memorial Foundation (BPMF) profited from any of the \$902,000.00 of USM funds. However, the investigation did reveal that some of the USM funds were not used in accordance with Public Law 108-15—APR 23,

*Case Agent:*

[REDACTED] Special Agent

(Signature)

*Supervisory Approval:*

[REDACTED] Special Agent in Charge (Acting)

(Signature)

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2003, which required the funds from the proceeds of the USM Coin Surcharge Program be used solely for the purpose of the construction of the Black Patriots Memorial on the National Mall.

### DETAILS

**I. Allegation:** Members of the BPMF utilized funds from the USM for purposes other than allowed on USM funds raised by the Coin Surcharge Program noted in Public Law 108-15—APR 23, 2003.

**II. Context/Background:** On April 9, 2007, the OIG/OI interviewed Dan Shaver, (Shaver) USM, Chief Counsel. Shaver said that the BPMF lobbied congress to authorize the creation of a commemorative coin for the group to assist with fund raising efforts to build a memorial to The Black Revolutionary War Patriots on the National Mall. After securing Congressional approval, the USM struck the coin in which 112,280 coins were sold and netted approximately \$902,758.00. Shaver stated that on August 14, 2003, the USM made a payment of \$902,758.00 to the BPMF. Shaver said that after the USM made the initial and only payment, the organization failed to file the requisite annual "Audited Financial Opinion" statement. Further research indicated that the organization appears to have disbanded. (Exhibit 2)

### INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY

The investigation was worked jointly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). During the course of this investigation, and at the direction of the United States Attorney's Office (USAO), numerous interviews were conducted with ex-members and officials of the BPMF. Additional interviews were conducted with accountants and government officials. In addition, Grand Jury records have been requested and received regarding the BPMF, [REDACTED] and several accounting firms. As a result of these interviews and Grand jury records, [REDACTED] was identified in this investigation. (Exhibits 3,4,5,6,7)

#### [REDACTED] Interview

On April 9, 2007, the OIG/OI interviewed [REDACTED], USM, Coin Surcharge Program. [REDACTED] said that the BPMF lobbied congress to authorize the creation of a commemorative coin for the group to assist with fund raising efforts

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to build a memorial to The Black Revolutionary War Patriots on the National Mall. The organization won Congressional approval, and the USM struck a coin which raised approximately \$902,000.00 that was subsequently paid to the organization. However, [REDACTED] said the organization failed to file the requisite annual "Audited Financial Opinion" statements with the USM. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] research indicates that the organization appears to have disbanded. [REDACTED] also indicated that [REDACTED] [REDACTED], appeared to be involved in the organizations passage of the coin program. [REDACTED] also said that [REDACTED] appeared to have re-established efforts to build a memorial to the Black Patriots of the Revolutionary War. [REDACTED] said the new name of the group is called the National Mall Liberty Fund DC. (Exhibit 1)

#### [REDACTED] Interview

On April 20, 2007, the OIG/OI interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED], National Park Service. [REDACTED] said that beginning in 1986, the BPMF lobbied congress to authorize the creation of a memorial to the Black Revolutionary War Patriots on the National Mall. The organization won Congressional approval, and a final design was authorized and land was set aside by the National Park Service to build the memorial. [REDACTED] said the organization failed to file the 2003, requisite annual "Audited Financial Opinion" statements with the USM. [REDACTED] said the organization appeared to be in arrears on every financial report. [REDACTED] said the site design, and the approval, for the memorial was valid for seven years, with a two year extension, during the period of October 27, 1996 thru October 27, 2005. [REDACTED] said that the organization failed to raise the required matching funds during the nine year approval time frame. (Exhibit 4)

[REDACTED] provided the names of two of the previous board members of the organization. According to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and [REDACTED] was a contentious board member that was unhappy with the leadership of the organization at that time. [REDACTED] said that in 2003, a public law was passed that made the land previously set aside to build the Black Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial; part of a restricted area of the National Mall called the "Reserve." [REDACTED] said the Black Revolutionary War Patriots organization appeared to have disbanded in 2003. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] has re-organized the effort to build a memorial for the Black Revolutionary War Patriots at the same site on the National Mall. [REDACTED] said the new organization is named the National Mall Liberty Fund DC. [REDACTED] said the National Park Service is opposed to building

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the memorial because the previously approved area is now part of the National Mall "Reserve." [REDACTED] also said the National Park Service was also opposed because the National Mall Liberty Fund, DC President [REDACTED] was affiliated with the Black Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial organization which, had a long history of not being able to raise matching funds to build the memorial.

#### [REDACTED] interview

On July 24, 2007, the OIG/OI interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED], the former President of the BPMF. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] left the organization in 2002, after [REDACTED] became seriously ill and passed away in 2003. After [REDACTED] passed, [REDACTED] lost interest and contact with the organization which made [REDACTED] unaware of the daily activities of the organization. [REDACTED] never received a salary or any money from the BPMF during [REDACTED] tenure. However, [REDACTED] claimed [REDACTED] contributed approximately \$25,000.00 to \$35,000.00 of personal funds to the organization and their mission. As part of [REDACTED] responsibilities as a board member, [REDACTED] solicited funds from large corporations and prominent individuals to help fund the project. [REDACTED] recalled one occasion where [REDACTED] solicited and received a contribution in the form of a check in the amount of \$700,000.00 from [REDACTED] [REDACTED], the [REDACTED] of General Motors (GM) on behalf of GM. [REDACTED] said these contributions were used to pay the day to day operating expenses of the organization including the salary of several staff members. (Exhibit 5)

[REDACTED] said the purpose of the non-profit organization was to construct a memorial on the National Mall to recognize the 5,000 black slaves that fought during the Revolutionary War. The organization won Congressional approval, and the USM struck a coin for the organization and raised approximately \$902,000.00 which was paid to the BPMF used to construct a smaller model of the memorial and the actual memorial on the National Mall. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was no longer a member when the BPMF received the \$902,000.00 from the Mint. [REDACTED] said that during the time [REDACTED] was a member, the group always appeared to be "strapped for cash." [REDACTED] was aware that the money raised by the USM from the sale of the commemorative coins was to be used in a restrictive manner.

[REDACTED] identified [REDACTED] as the person who controlled the money for the organization during the time period in question and stated that [REDACTED] should be contacted for any questions concerning the organization's financial transactions.

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Additionally, [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was personally unaware of any illegal or fraudulent activities associated with the organization.

#### [REDACTED] interview

On November 14, 2007, the OIG/OI interviewed [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]), at [REDACTED] residence in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was the former Chairman of the BPMF. [REDACTED] said that while [REDACTED] was chairman of the BPMF, [REDACTED] was not aware of any disbursement of any funds associated with USM funds. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] volunteered all of [REDACTED] services to the BPMF. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] never received any money from the BPMF. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] was not aware of any restrictions on the uses of the USM funds. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] controlled all of the money that was spent by the BPMF, and that [REDACTED] should have been aware of restrictions on the USM money because she is an attorney. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was aware that [REDACTED] approved the purchase of a miniature version of the memorial. [REDACTED] said the miniature version of the memorial was produced by a sculptor named [REDACTED] for a purchase price of \$125,000.00. (Exhibit 6)

#### [REDACTED] interview

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Owner, [REDACTED] Business Service, advised that [REDACTED] firm conducted the payroll services for the BPMF. [REDACTED] said that when [REDACTED] started doing the book keeping for the BPMF in 2002, the records provided to [REDACTED] were "in shambles". [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] used past bank account statements of the BPMF to create a meaningful ledger. [REDACTED] said most of [REDACTED] dealings with the BPMF were with a CFO named [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] was on a salary from the BPMF and [REDACTED] was the authorizing official on an American Express credit card. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] used the American Express card to pay for numerous airline tickets and "shopping type items" on those trips. [REDACTED] also said that [REDACTED] would authorize large sums of money to pay for numerous consultants. [REDACTED] said that the BPMF stopped paying [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] book keeping services in 2005. [REDACTED] said the BPMF still owes [REDACTED] firm approximately \$700.00. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] made numerous attempts to contact [REDACTED] and other members of the BPMF to have them pick up their records. [REDACTED] said that when [REDACTED] could not get a forwarding address to mail the records, that she shredded all the BPMF records. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] had to shred the records because of storage problems. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] firm currently does not have any of the BPMF records. [REDACTED] did mention that the BPMF did have sizeable cache of gold coins stored in an unknown vault. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was aware of the gold coins because [REDACTED] had heard different

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members of the BPMF talking about the gold coins. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] also heard some the BPMF members talking about some of the coins were missing after an inventory. (Exhibit 7)

[REDACTED] interview

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] started as a consultant with the BPMF as a consultant during November of 2002. [REDACTED] later became the President of the BPMF, after the previous President, [REDACTED] passed away. [REDACTED] was President from June 2003, thru October 31, 2005. [REDACTED] was paid \$75,000.00 to \$85,000.00 per year to serve as President of the BPMF. [REDACTED] was paid by a book keeping firm named ADP Services via electronic deposit. [REDACTED] was later paid in the form of paper checks when the bookkeeping firm changed. [REDACTED] affirmed that [REDACTED] was the President of the BPMF when the 902,758.00 arrived from the USM. [REDACTED] was unaware that the money from the USM came with any restrictions. [REDACTED] said the USM money was co-mingled with other funds solicited from private firms and individuals. The money was used to promote the BPMF, raise additional funds, and to pay the daily operational expenses of the BPMF. [REDACTED] said a friend mentioned that the Mint money might have some restrictions. [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] CPA, from the accounting firm [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to ask about restrictions on the Mint money. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] called the USM Legal Counsel, and was advised that the USM money did not have any restrictions. When asked, [REDACTED] could not provide a date, time or who [REDACTED] talked to at the USM. [REDACTED] said \$125,000.00 of the USM money was paid to a sculptor named [REDACTED] to build a scale model of the memorial. The scale model of the memorial was built and delivered to the BPMF sometime in 2004. [REDACTED] later described the relationship between sculptor [REDACTED] and the BPMF becoming tenuous. (Exhibit 8)

In May of 2005, [REDACTED] was telephonically contacted by an individual who said [REDACTED] name was [REDACTED] who claimed to be a Revenue Agent with the Internal Revenue Service. [REDACTED] wanted to verify the tax exempt status of the BPMF. [REDACTED] faxed [REDACTED] forms that had Internal Revenue Service letterhead requesting financial information. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] complied, and faxed back the BPMF financial information which was readily available. When [REDACTED] could not find all of the information requested, [REDACTED] contacted the BPMF bookkeeping firm of [REDACTED] Business Services. [REDACTED] was advised by the owner [REDACTED] that the BPMF records had been shredded because of non payment from the BPMF.

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██████████ said the BPMF was constantly looking for sources of donations to help pay the operating cost of the BPMF. ██████████ was contacted by an individual named ██████████ who claimed to be an off-shore investor that specialized in helping groups like the BPMF in soliciting funds. ██████████ claimed to have helped the Seventh Day Adventist Church raise millions of dollars.

#### Interview

On March 25, 2009 the OIG/OI interviewed ██████████. ██████████ Senior Accountant, ██████████ indicated that ██████████ prepared the 2003 tax return for the BPMF. ██████████ said ██████████ remembered the BPMF did not provide ██████████ with the documents ██████████ needed to prepare the 2003 tax return until December of 2004. ██████████ said ██████████ has had numerous conversations with ██████████. ██████████ said that ██████████ never advised ██████████ on how to spend the proceeds USM. ██████████ said ██████████ could not remember making the phone call to the USM Legal Counsel. ██████████ also provided a copy of the 2003 tax return for the BPMF. (Exhibit 9)

On July 23, 2008, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) ██████████ declined criminal prosecution due to the "lack of criminal intent" and the impending expiration of the Statute of Limitations which was set to occur on August 14, 2008. It should be noted, that the facts of this investigation were not provided to the OIG/OI until April 4, 2007, approximately three (3) years and seven (7) months after the USM failed to receive the requisite annual "Audited Financial Opinion" from the Black Patriots Memorial Foundation. (Exhibits 10, 11)

### FINDINGS

The resulting investigation could not substantiate allegations against any member of the BPMF for knowingly misusing the USM funds. However, the investigation did reveal that some of the USM funds were not used in accordance with Public Law 108-15—APR 23, 2003, which required the funds from the proceeds of the Coin Surcharge Program to be used solely for the purpose of the construction of the memorial.

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## REFERRALS

### **I. Criminal**

This case was referred and accepted by the USAO for the District of Columbia. However, on July 23, 2008, the case was declined for prosecution because of the lack of evidence proving criminal intent and the impending statute of limitations.

On July 22, 2008, this matter was referred to the internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division (IRS-CID) for potential criminal violations against [REDACTED] income tax violations.

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EXHIBITS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	Memorandum of Activity, Interview [REDACTED] dated April 4, 2007.
2.	Memorandum of Activity, Interview Dan Shaver, dated April 9, 2008.
3.	Memorandum of Activity, Interview [REDACTED] dated April 20, 2007.
4.	Memorandum of Activity, Interview [REDACTED] April 27, 2007.
5.	Memorandum of Activity, Interview [REDACTED] July 24, 2007.
6.	Memorandum of Activity, Interview [REDACTED] dated November 14, 2007.
7.	Memorandum of Activity, Interview [REDACTED] dated March 25, 2008.
8.	Memorandum of Activity, Interview [REDACTED] dated November 13, 2007.
9.	Memorandum of Activity, Interview [REDACTED] dated March 25, 2008.
10.	Memorandum of Activity, AUSA [REDACTED] dated July 24, 2008.
11.	Declination Letter U. S. Attorney's Office, dated July 23, 2008.

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## MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY



Case Number: 2007- 0328	Reporting Office: WFO	Type of Activity: Interview
Date/Time of Activity: April 9, 2007	Date of Report Drafted: April 12, 2007	Location of Activity: Washington DC
Subject of Activity:  <b>United States Mint</b> <b>202-354-</b>	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s))  Special Agent	Signature(s) and Dates(s) Signed:  1

The Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Office of Inspector General Office of Investigations, OIG/OI, was informed by the United States Mint (Mint), of a possible misuse of Mint funds by a group named The Black Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial Foundation (Black Patriots). ██████ said that on August 14, 2003, the organization received \$902,758.00 in Mint funds from the proceeds received from the sale of congressionally approved Mint commemorative coins. Shaver said the organization appears to have disbanded without providing requisite annual "Audited Financial Opinion."

On April 9, 2007, the OIG/OI interviewed ██████ (█████), US Mint, Coin Surcharge Program. ██████ said that the Black Patriots Foundation lobbied congress to authorize the creation of a commemorative coin for the group to assist with fund raising efforts to build a memorial to The Black Revolutionary War Patriots on the National Mall. The organization won Congressional approval, and the Mint struck a coin which raised approximately \$902,000 which was paid to the organization. However, ██████ said the organization failed to file the requisite annual "Audited Financial Opinion" statements with the Mint. ██████ said his research indicates that the organization appears to have disbanded. ██████ also indicated that an individual named ██████ (█████) appears to have been involved in the organizations passage of the coin program. ██████ also said that ██████ appears to have re-established efforts to build a memorial to the Black Patriots of the Revolutionary War. ██████ said the new name of the group is called the National Mall Liberty Fund DC.

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## MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY



Case Number: 2007- 0328	Reporting Office: WFO	Type of Activity: Interview
Date/Time of Activity: April 17, 2007	Date of Report Drafted: April 20, 2007	Location of Activity: Washington DC
Subject of Activity:  <b>Dan Shaver United States Mint 703-299-0408</b>	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s))  [REDACTED] Special Agent	Signature(s) and Dates(s) Signed:  [REDACTED] 4/20/07

The Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Office of Inspector General Office of Investigations, OIG/OI, was informed by the United States Mint (Mint), of a possible misuse of Mint funds by a group named The Black Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial Foundation (Black Patriots). Shaver said that on August 14, 2003, the organization received \$902,758.00 in Mint funds from the proceeds received from the sale of congressionally approved Mint commemorative coins. Shaver said the organization appears to have disbanded without providing requisite annual "Audited Financial Opinion."

On April 9, 2007, the OIG/OI interviewed Dan Shaver, (Shaver) Mint, Chief Counsel. Shaver said that the Black Patriots Foundation lobbied congress to authorize the creation of a commemorative coin for the [REDACTED] up to assist with fund raising efforts to build a memorial y War Patriots on the National Mall. The organization w l, and the Mint struck a coin which sold 112,280. The sal oximately \$902,758.00 after paying Mint los 00. Shaver said on August 14, 2003, the Mint made a ) to the Black Patriots Memorial Foundation. Shaver said initial and only payment, the organization failed to Audited Financial Opinion" statement. Shaver said his research indicates that the organization appears to have disbanded. Shaver also indicated that an individual named [REDACTED] appears to have been involved in the organizations passage of the coin program.

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Shaver said [REDACTED] is currently involved in a group that is attempting to re-establish efforts to build the memorial. Shaver said the name of the new group is called the Liberty Fund DC.

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Case Number: 2007- Inquiry	Reporting Office: WFO	Type of Activity: Interview
Date/Time of Activity: April 17, 2007	Date of Report Drafted: April 20, 2007	Location of Activity: Washington DC
Subject of Activity:  [REDACTED] Liberty DC Fund [REDACTED]	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s))  [REDACTED] Special Agent  [REDACTED] II Special Agent	Signature(s) and Date(s) Signed:  [REDACTED] 4-9-2007

The Department of the Treasury, Office of Inspector General, was possible misuse of US Mint Patriots Memorial Foundation organization received approximately \$902,000 in Mint funds and disbanded without providing requisite annual "Audited Financial Opinion."

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Inspector General Office of the United States Mint (Mint), of a the Black Revolutionary War Mint advised that the

On April 9, 2007, the OIG/OI interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] is the current president of a group called the Liberty Fund DC. [REDACTED] said the Liberty Fund DC was organized after the Black Patriots Foundation disbanded and abandoned its effort to construct a memorial on the National Mall to the 5,000 black slaves that fought during the Revolutionary War. [REDACTED] said organization won Congressional approval, and the US Mint struck a coin which raised approximately \$902,000 which was paid to the Black Patriots organization which was to be used to construct the memorial on the National Mall. However, [REDACTED] said the organization failed to file the requisite annual "audited financial opinion" statements with the Mint. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] organization, Liberty fund DC said [REDACTED] research indicates that the organization appears to have disbanded. [REDACTED] said that when the Liberty Fund DC, organized, they hired an attorney to research records looking for any funds that were proceeds from the US

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Mint original \$902,000. [REDACTED] said the attorney hired by Liberty Fund DC could not locate any proceeds from the \$902,000.

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# MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY



	Reporting Office: WFO	Type of Activity: Interview
April 9, 2007	Date of Report Drafted: April 12, 2007	Location of Activity: Washington DC
Subject of Activity:  National Park Service 202- [REDACTED]	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s)) [REDACTED] Special Agent [REDACTED] Special Agent	Signature(s) and Dates(s) Signed: [REDACTED] 4/22/07

The Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Office of Inspector General Office of Investigations, (OIG/OI), was informed by the United States Mint (Mint), of a possible misuse of Mint funds by a group named The Black Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial Foundation (Black Patriots). The Mint advised that the organization received approximately \$902,000 in Mint funds and disbanded without providing requisite annual "Audited Financial Opinion."

On April 20, 2007, the OIG/OI interviewed [REDACTED] ([REDACTED], National Park Service. [REDACTED] said that beginning in 1986, the Black Patriots Foundation lobbied congress to authorize the creation of a memorial to the Black Revolutionary War Patriots on the National Mall. The organization won Congressional approval, and a final design was authorized and land was set aside by the National Park Service to build the memorial. [REDACTED] said the organization failed to file the 2003, requisite annual "Audited Financial Opinion" statements with the Mint. [REDACTED] said the organization appeared to be in arrears on every financial report. [REDACTED] said site design, and the approval, for the memorial was valid for seven years, with a two year extension, during the period of October 27, 1996 thru October 27, 2005. [REDACTED] said that the organization failed to raise the required matching funds during the nine year approval time frame.

[REDACTED] provided the names of two of the previous board members of the organization. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was the Chief Financial Officer and

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██████████ was a contentious board member that was unhappy with the leadership of the organization at that time. ██████████ said that in 2003, a public law was passed that made the land previously set aside to build the Black Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial; part of a restricted area of the National Mall called the "Reserve." ██████████ said the Black Revolutionary War Patriots organization appeared to have disbanded in 2003. ██████████ said that ██████████ ██████████ has re-organized the effort to build a memorial for the Black Revolutionary War Patriots at the same site on the National Mall. ██████████ said the new organization is named the National Mall Liberty Fund DC. ██████████ said the National Park Service is opposed to building the memorial because the previously approved area is now part of the National Mall "Reserve." ██████████ also said the National Park Service is also opposed because the National Mall Liberty Fund DC president ██████████, was affiliated with the Black Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial organization which had a long history of not being able to raise matching funds to build the memorial.

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	Reporting Office: WFO	Type of Activity: Interview
Date/Time of Activity: July 20, 2007	Date of Report Drafted: July 24, 2007	Location of Activity: [REDACTED]
Subject of Activity:  [REDACTED] Ex- President Black Patriots Memorial Foundation [REDACTED]	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s))  [REDACTED] Special Agent  [REDACTED] Special Agent	Signature(s) and Dates(s) Signed:  [REDACTED] 7-24-07 [REDACTED] 7/30/07

On July 20, 2007, The Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Office of Inspector General Office of Investigations (OIG/OI), interviewed [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ex-director and member of the board of trustees for the Black Patriots Organization regarding possible misuse of United States Mint (Mint) funds by a group named The Black Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial Foundation (Black Patriots). The Mint informed OIG/OI that the organization received approximately \$902,000 in Mint funds and disbanded without providing requisite annual "Audited Financial Opinion." Brown provided the following information:

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] left the organization in 2002, after [REDACTED] became seriously ill and passed away in 2003. After [REDACTED] passed, [REDACTED] lost interest and contact with the organization and the other members which made [REDACTED] unaware of the daily activities of the organization. [REDACTED] never received a salary or any money from the Black Patriots organization during [REDACTED] tenure with the organization. However, [REDACTED] claimed [REDACTED] contributed approximately \$25,000 to \$35,000 of personal funds to the organization. As part of [REDACTED] responsibilities as a board member [REDACTED] solicited funds from large corporations or prominent individuals to help fund the project. [REDACTED] recalled that on one particular occasion, [REDACTED] solicited and received a contribution in the form of a check in the amount of \$700,000 from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of General Motors (GM) on behalf of GM. [REDACTED] said these

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## MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY

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contributions were used to pay day to day operating expenses of the organization including the salary of several staff members of the organization.

██████████ said the purpose of the non-profit organization was to construct a memorial on the National Mall to the 5,000 black slaves that fought during the Revolutionary War. The organization won Congressional approval, and the Mint struck a coin for the organization and raised approximately \$902,000 which was paid to the Black Patriots organization to be used to specifically construct a smaller model of the memorial and the actual memorial on the National Mall. ██████████ stated ██████████ was no longer a member when the Black Patriots received the \$902,000 from the Mint. ██████████ said that during the time ██████████ was a member, the group always appeared to be "strapped for cash."

██████████ was aware that the money raised from the Mint coin was restricted in the way that it was to be used. ██████████ said that a sculptor named ██████████ from ██████████ was hired to build the model. However, ██████████ was unsure of how much money the Black Patriots paid ██████████

██████████ identified an individual named ██████████ (██████████) as the person who controlled the money for the organization during the time period in question and pointed out that ██████████ should be contacted for financial questions. Additionally, ██████████ said ██████████ was personally unaware of any illegal or fraudulent activities associated with the organization.

{Agents note: ██████████ provided OIG/OI access to all of ██████████ records pertaining to the Black Patriots and allowed OIG/OI to take temporary possession of numerous Black Patriots related documents ██████████ had in storage, at ██████████ office. Additionally, ██████████ stated had several additional boxes of documents in storage related to the Black Patriots that ██████████ would retrieve and turn over to OIG/OI at a later time.}

### Attachments:

- 1) OIG/OI inventory control form dated July 20, 2007.

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	Reporting Office: WFO	Type of Activity: Telephonic Interview
	Date of Report Drafted: May 25, 2007	Location of Activity: Washington DC
Subject of Activity:  [REDACTED] <b>Chairman Black Patriots Memorial Foundation</b> [REDACTED]	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s))  [REDACTED] Special Agent Special Agent	Signature(s) and Dates(s) Signed:  [REDACTED] 5/25/07

The Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Office of Inspector General Office of Investigations, OIG/OI, was informed by the United States Mint (Mint), of a possible misuse of US Mint funds by a group named The Black Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial Foundation (Black Patriots). The Mint advised that the organization received approximately \$902,000 in Mint funds and disbanded without providing requisite annual "Audited Financial Opinion."

On May 25, 2007, the OIG/OI telephonically interviewed [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] ) [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was the former Chairman of the Black Patriots Foundation. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] currently resides at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] agreed to be interviewed in person, by the OIG/OI sometime during June or July of 2007. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] will call the OIG/OI back to advise of interview availability dates.

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"I, [REDACTED], hereby make the following free and voluntary sworn statement to [REDACTED] who has identified him/herself to me as a Special Agent with the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), U.S. Department of the Treasury."

As Chairman I was not aware of the disbursement of my personal account concerning the U.S. Men's Motion. As Chairman I was not reimbursed for anything from the Organization's flight tickets to Baltimore or 512 airline for Board Fundraising. I was not aware that the audit was not completed in time. There was not in the scope of my duties as Chairman. I did not divert any foundation funds for my personal use. We hosted a retreat, but the only funds that were spent would have gone

State of: [REDACTED]

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Location: [REDACTED]

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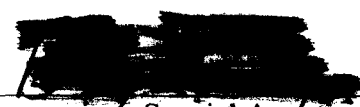
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I have read this statement of 3 pages. It is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed each page, where necessary, and have been given an opportunity to make any corrections or additions. I have initialed each line where a correction has been made.

  
(Signature)

"Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November,  
2007, at , .  
(City) (State)"

  
Special Agent  
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	Date of Report Drafted: March 24, 2008	Location of Activity: Washington, DC
Subject of Activity: [REDACTED] Business Service	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s)) [REDACTED] Special Agent [REDACTED] FBI Special Agent	Signature(s) and Dates(s) Signed: [REDACTED] (Ramsey) Date:

The Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Office of Inspector General Office of Investigations, OIG/OI, was informed by the United States Mint (Mint), of a possible misuse of US Mint funds by a group named The Black Patriots Memorial Foundation (BPMF). The Mint advised that the organization received approximately \$902,000 in Mint funds and disbanded without providing requisite annual "Audited Financial Opinion."

[REDACTED], Owner, [REDACTED] Business Service advised that [REDACTED] firm conducted the payroll services for the Black Patriots Memorial Foundation (BPMF). [REDACTED] said that when [REDACTED] started performing the book keeping services for the BPMF in 2002, the records provided to [REDACTED] were in shambles. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] used past bank account statements of the BPMF to create a meaningful ledger. [REDACTED] said most of [REDACTED] dealings with the BPMF were with a CFO named [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] was on a salary from the BPMF and [REDACTED] was the authorizing official for an American Express credit card. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] used the American Express card to pay for numerous airline tickets and "shopping type items" on those trips. [REDACTED] also said that [REDACTED] would authorize large sums of money (thousands of dollars) to pay for numerous consultants. [REDACTED] said that the BPMF stopped paying [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] book keeping service in 2005. [REDACTED] said the BPMF still owes [REDACTED] firm approximately \$700.00. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] made numerous attempts to contact [REDACTED] and other members of the BPMF to have them pick up their records. [REDACTED] said that when [REDACTED] could not get a forwarding address to mail

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the records, that [REDACTED] shredded all the BPMF records. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] had to shred the records because of storage problems. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] firm currently does not have any of the BPMF records. [REDACTED] mentioned that the BPMF did have sizeable cache of gold coins stored in an unknown vault. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was aware of the gold coins because [REDACTED] had heard different members of the BPMF talking about the gold coins. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] also heard some the BPMF members talking about some of the coins were missing after an inventory.

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1	Date of Report Drafted: November 13, 2007	Location of Activity: [REDACTED]
Subject of Activity:  [REDACTED]	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s))  [REDACTED] - Special Agent [REDACTED] - Special Agent	Signature(s) and Dates(s) Signed:  [REDACTED] 11-13-07

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[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] started as a consultant with the BPMF as a consultant during November of 2002. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] later became the President of the BPMF. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] became President after the previous President, [REDACTED] passed away. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was President from June 2003, thru October 31, 2005. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was paid \$75,000.00 to \$85,000.00 per year to serve as President of the BPMF. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was paid by a book keeping firm named ADP Services via electronic deposit. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was later paid in the form of paper checks when the bookkeeping firm changed. [REDACTED] affirmed that [REDACTED] was the President of the BPMF when the 902,758.00 arrived from the U. S. Mint. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was unaware that the money from the Mint came with any string attached. [REDACTED] said the Mont money was co-mingled with other funds solicited from private firms and individuals. [REDACTED] said the money was used to promote the BPMF, raise additional funds, and pay the daily operational expenses of the BPMF. [REDACTED] said a friend mentioned that the

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Mint money might have some restrictions. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] CPA, from the accounting firm [REDACTED] to ask about restrictions on the Mint money. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] called the U. S. Mint, Legal Counsel, and was advised that the Mint money did not have any restrictions. When asked, [REDACTED] could not provide a date, time or who [REDACTED] talked to at the U. S. Mint. [REDACTED] said \$125,000.00 of the Mint money was paid to a sculptor named [REDACTED] to build a scale model of the memorial. [REDACTED] said the scale model of the memorial was built and delivered to the BPMF sometime in 2004. [REDACTED] later in the interview, described the relationship between sculptor [REDACTED] and the BPMF becoming tenuous)

[REDACTED] said that in May of 2005, [REDACTED] was telephonically contacted by an individual who said [REDACTED] name was [REDACTED] who claimed to be a Revenue Agent with the Internal Revenue Service. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] wanted to verify the tax exempt status of the BPMF. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] faxed [REDACTED] forms that had Internal Revenue Service letterhead requesting financial information. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] complied, and faxed back the BPMF financial information which was readily available. [REDACTED] said when [REDACTED] could not find all of the information requested, [REDACTED] contacted the BPMF bookkeeping firm of [REDACTED] Business Services. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was advised by the owner [REDACTED] that the BPMF records had been shredded because of non payment from the BPMF.

[REDACTED] said the BPMF was constantly looking for sources of donations to help pay the operating cost of the BPMF. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was contacted by an individual named [REDACTED] who claimed to be an off-shore investor that specialized in helping groups like the BPMF in soliciting funds. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] claimed to have helped the Seventh Day Adventist Church raise millions of dollars.

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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

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"I, [REDACTED] hereby make the following free and voluntary sworn statement to [REDACTED] who has identified him herself to me as a Special Agent with the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), U.S. Department of the Treasury."

" SEE ATTACHED

X  
NOTHING  
ON THIS PAGE  
FURTHER

State of: [REDACTED]

Date:

11/13/2007

County of: [REDACTED]

Location:

[REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

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I served as president of the Black Patriots Foundation from ~~April~~ <sup>June</sup>, 2003 until October 31, 2005. I resigned my position on October 7, 2005 to be effective on October 31, 2005. During my tenure with the foundation I did not divert any funds to any accounts for my personal use nor am I aware that anyone else affiliated with the foundation used any of the money belonging to the foundation for their personal use. The only incidence of this that I am aware of is that [REDACTED] took the memorial magnet. I was not made aware by any board members or officers of the foundation that the funds received from the US Mint commemorative coin series were only to be used for the ~~fund~~ <sup>fund</sup>.

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construction of the memorial on the National Mall. In furtherance of this point, I requested [REDACTED] to contact the Mint Commemorative Coin series Office to ask if there was any restriction on the use of the funds received. This was during the time that the foundation was engaged with [REDACTED] for the 2003 audit. So [REDACTED]'s contact was during 2004. [REDACTED] later informed me that [REDACTED] had contacted the General Counsel's Office (as the Mint and was told that the purpose of fundraising for the memorial, ~~was~~ and the expenses attendant to that purpose were allowable [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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And after reviewing all documentation received from the Mint at the time of the fund's release to the Black Patriots Foundation, there was nothing from the Mint which indicated that the funds were to be restricted in any way. Therefore the funds received from the Mint surcharges were used for fundraising campaigns to build the memorial and to run the foundation office [REDACTED]

Nothing further for [REDACTED]

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I have read this statement of 5 pages. It is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed each page, where necessary, and have been given an opportunity to make any corrections or additions. I have initialed each line where a correction has been made.

[Redacted Signature]  
(Signature)

"Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November,  
2007, at [Redacted], [Redacted]."  
(City) (State)

[Redacted Signature]  
Special Agent  
Department of the Treasury  
Office of the Inspector General  
Office of Investigations

Witness: [Redacted Signature]

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## MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY



Case Number: 2007-0328	Reporting Office: WFO	Type of Activity: Interview
Date/Time of Activity: March 25, 2008 1:00 pm	Date of Report Drafted: March 25, 2008	Location of Activity: [REDACTED]
Subject of Activity: [REDACTED] B [REDACTED]	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s)) [REDACTED] - Special Agent [REDACTED] - Special Agent	Signature(s) and Dates(s) Signed: [REDACTED] (Ramsey) Date: March 25, 2008

The Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Office of Inspector General Office of Investigations, OIG/OI, was informed by the United States Mint (Mint), of a possible misuse of US Mint funds by a group named The Black Patriots Memorial Foundation (BPMF). The Mint advised that the organization received approximately \$902,000 in Mint funds and disbanded without providing requisite annual "Audited Financial Opinion."

[REDACTED] Senior Accountant, [REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED] prepared the 2003 tax return for the BPMF. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] remembered the BPMF did not provide [REDACTED] with the documents [REDACTED] needed to prepare the 2003 tax return until December of 2004. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] has had numerous conversations with the CFO [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] never told [REDACTED] that "there are no strings attached to the money from the U.S. Mint" [REDACTED] said the BPMF still owes [REDACTED] accounting firm a large sum of money for the services they rendered. [REDACTED] also provided a copy of the 2003 tax return for the BPMF.

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## MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY



Case Number: 2007-0328	Reporting Office: WFO	Type of Activity: AUSA Declination Letter
Date/Time of Activity: July 23, 2008 10:00am	Date of Report Drafted: July 24, 2008	Location of Activity: WDC
Subject of Activity: [REDACTED] AUSA 555 4 <sup>th</sup> Street NW Washington, DC 20530 (202) [REDACTED]	Activity Conducted By (Name(s) and Title(s)) [REDACTED] Special Agent [REDACTED], FBI Special Agent	Signature(s) and Dates(s) Signed: [REDACTED] (Ramsey) Date: July 24, 2008

The Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Office of Inspector General Office of Investigations, OIG/OI, was informed by the United States Mint (Mint), of a possible misuse of US Mint funds by a group named The Black Patriots Memorial Foundation (BPMF). The Mint advised that the organization received approximately \$902,000 in Mint funds and disbanded without providing requisite annual "Audited Financial Opinion."

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Memorial Foundation. A report of Investigation (ROI) and a Management Implication Report (MIR) will be completed and forwarded under separate cover.

declined criminal prosecution of the impending expiration of the 14, 2008. It should be noted, ided to the Treasury Office of , (O/I), until April 4, 2007, s after the U.S. Mint failed to -pinion" from the Black Patriots

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Date: 3/5/09

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U.S. Department of Justice

Jeffrey A. Taylor  
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July 23, 2008

[REDACTED]  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
Department of the Treasury,  
Office of Inspector General  
740 15<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. Suite 500  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: Black Revolutionary Patriots Foundation Investigation

Dear Agent Ramsey:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in your investigation of possible criminal conduct by the Black Revolutionary Patriots Foundation. As we discussed, after your (and Special Agent [REDACTED]s) thorough investigation, we are closing the case for "lack of evidence of criminal intent."

I enjoyed working with you. Best of luck in your future cases. If you need to reach me, I my desk number is: (202) 514-[REDACTED]

Very yours,

JEFFREY A. TAYLOR  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

By:

[REDACTED]  
Assistant U.S. Attorney

cc: Special Agent [REDACTED] FBI