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Report of Interview

Investigation Subject: Effigy Mounds National Monument (EFMO)	Park Case Number: n/a IG Case Number: OI-HQ-10-0628-R		
Location: Northeast Iowa	Case Status Open	Report Date 01/14/2011	Report Number 010
Report Subject: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) – Associate Regional Director of Cultural Resources			
Supplement: Investigative Report			

1 **SUMMARY:** From 1999–2010 numerous maintenance and building projects were allegedly funded and
2 completed without proper compliance required by the National Historic Preservation Act.

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4 The following is an interview with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who is the Associate Regional Director of Cultural
5 Resources. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) started (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) current position as an Operational Evaluation uncovering Effigy Mounds
6 National Monument (EFMO) violations was being conducted. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) attempted to sabotage
7 regional efforts to begin repairing EFMO.

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9 Case Name: Effigy Mounds National Monument (EFMO)
10 Person Interviewed: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
11 Date/Time: 01/12/2011 / 2:30-4:50
12 Location: Omaha, NE
13 Present for Interview: SA Barland-Liles
14 Method of Documentation: Interview notes

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16 Narrative
17 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) became the Associate Regional Director of Cultural Resources in March 2009 shortly before an
18 Operations Evaluation (OE) of EFMO was completed. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) learned 78 projects were illegally completed at
19 EFMO without properly securing compliance consultations during the tenure of Superintendent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
20 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) learned many of these projects were completed despite directions from the Regional Directors Office
21 and/or the Midwest Archeological Center. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) first year at the regional office was dedicated to
22 documenting compliance violations at EFMO and assisting with the reformation of the park. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated
23 many EFMO staff members were reluctant to get EFMO back into compliance. For instance, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was
24 reluctant to accept a direct order from the Regional Director to immediately remove a particularly egregious
25 boardwalk section and Davis learned (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated it would be removed over (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) dead body. Other staff members
26 were unknowingly part of the problem but had been systematically marginalized during (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) tenure.
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Reporting Official/Title David Barland-Liles / Special Agent	Signature	Date 01/14/2011
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1 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also heard (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) attempted to sabotage regional efforts to begin repairing EFMO by providing
2 misinformation to the Iowa State Historical Preservation Office and many Native American Tribes affiliated
3 with EFMO. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) apparently told these entities the regional office required (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
4 Americans with Disabilities Act.

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6 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) completely failed to understand Section 106 compliance and consultation policies and/or
7 decide to ignore these policies. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) added “We’ve tried to understand how a park can behave so badly...
8 Wherever they had a chance to screw up, they did.” (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated the accumulative effect of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) actions
9 “destroyed the park” and it will take decades of hard work to begin to repair the damage to the cultural resource
10 and the National Park Service’s reputation.

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12 The Regional Director removed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) from the Superintendent’s position and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) accepted a transfer to a
13 regional curator position. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) now works for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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