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Statement Regarding Inspector General Report

Last evening Metropolitan Transportation Authority Chairman Peter S. Kalikow received a report from the MTA Office of the Inspector General recommending the termination of two MTA employees, Director of Security Louis Anemone and Deputy Director of Security Nick Casale.

The report found that Anemone and Casale obstructed and interfered with an investigation conducted by the Office of the Inspector General despite repeated direction from the MTA Executive Director to cooperate fully with the investigation.

The Inspector General report concluded that, "given the critical nature of the security of the MTA and the need for complete confidence in the methods of those entrusted with preserving it, such acts perpetrated by the Director and Deputy Director of Security undermine the confidence of all who must deal with them."

Based on the Inspector General report the MTA has determined to place the two individuals on paid administrative leave and relieve them of the responsibilities of their office effective immediately. Both have been given a copy of the Inspector General report and an opportunity to respond.

The safety and security of the transportation network and our customers remains the MTA's highest priority. Security functions will continue to be coordinated through the MTA Police Department in conjunction with Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies.

A final determination of Anemone and Casale's employment status with the MTA is expected prior to the end of the month. Both the Queens and Manhattan District Attorney offices have been informed of today's action.