

U.S. Government Inspectors Criticize Office of Cuba Broadcasting

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Havana, December 2 (RHC) -- The government of the United States has accused anti-Cuban broadcasters Radio and TV Martí of lacking moral values and transparency in its contents.

A recent report published by journalist Tracey Eaton in his blog *Along the Malecon*, shows the results of an audit carried out by the White House on the Office of Cuba Broadcasting, which operates Radio and TV Martí in Miami, detecting irregularities, such as administrative weaknesses, security lapses and one instance of property theft.

An Inspector General's report casts a negative light on the agency's leaders, including Director Carlos A. Garcia-Perez, who took charge four years ago this month.

The 34-page report also provides interesting details about the agency's efforts in Cuba. It says the OCB has "engaged in an aggressive campaign to distribute its television programming content weekly via broadcast, Internet, and even hand-to-hand, via digital video disks (DVD) and flash drives."

The report, dated July 2014 and marked "sensitive but unclassified," says the broadcaster's subversive propaganda campaign also includes the sending of a biweekly newsletter called El Pitirre to more than 75,000 e-mail addresses in Cuba.

In addition, the OCB also operates Piramideo, an SMS-based social network that operates outside Cuban government control, and serves as platform for the distribution of propaganda.

The activities of the Office of Cuba Broadcasting are not only seen in a bad light in the Caribbean island but in Washington as well, where officials have often claimed it is a waste of effort and tax payers' money.

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