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A Justice Department official assigned by Attorney General Janet Reno last year to fix the immigration service's error-riddled citizenship <u>program</u> has been <u>removed</u> from his <u>post</u> because of an investigation of work he was involved in before taking the position.

The official, Robert K. Bratt, was <u>removed</u> Monday night as <u>head</u> of naturalization operations at the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Ms. Reno's direction and is returning to the Justice Department, an agency spokeswoman, Carole Florman, said today.

Mr. Bratt's <u>removal</u> may only be temporary. The Commissioner of the immigration service, Doris K. Meissner, today named another Justice Department official on loan to her agency, James Angus, as acting executive director of naturalization operations.

A spokeswoman for the Justice Department's inspector general, Michael Bromwich, declined comment. But an official who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the investigation was not centered on Mr. Bratt.

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