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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Special Agents in Charge

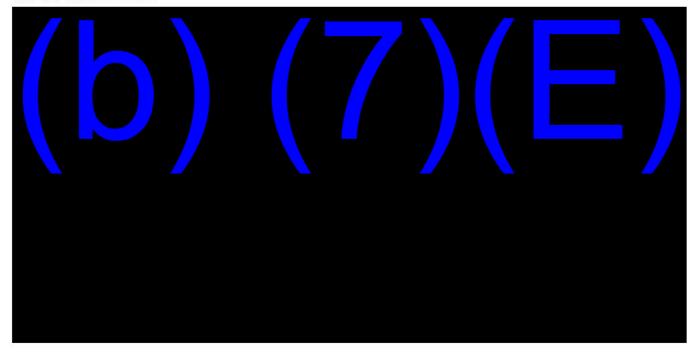
FROM: James A. Dinkins /

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SUBJECT: ICE – Office of Investigations and Organized Retail Crime

The Organized Retail Crime Pilot Program (ORCP) was initiated on July 6, 2009 in the following offices: SAC Houston, SAC Los Angeles, SAC Miami, and SAC New York. In November 2009, Assistant Director Janice Ayala testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security regarding ICE's involvement in organized retail crime (ORC) and the ORCP. Additionally, Assistant Director Ayala attended a briefing on ORC before the Domestic Policy Council in December 2009. The Domestic Policy Council of the U.S. is the principal forum used by the President for considering domestic policy matters. It is a committee comprised of Cabinet members and it is chaired by the President.

Due to the level of interest in ORC, the complexity of these cases, and the long range goals of attacking ORC from an anti-money laundering approach, the ORCP is being extended for an additional twelve months to ensure both field personnel and ICE Office of Investigations (OI) Headquarters staff have sufficient time to address the threat and develop the leads that have been and are disseminated.



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