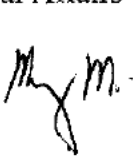




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
MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Domestic Operations  
Assistant Director, International Affairs

FROM: Marcy M. Forman, Director   
Office of Investigations

SUBJECT: International Travel to Areas of Conflict

As you are aware, ICE has wide-ranging federal law enforcement authority and vast expertise in many areas that can be invaluable to our federal law enforcement counterparts and the various branches of the U.S. military. As such, our Special Agents are sometimes asked to provide their expert investigative assistance and authorities to support the interests of the United States Government in foreign countries that are best described as "areas of conflict" or "war zones" (e.g., Iraq, Afghanistan, Qatar, etc.).

Because of the danger and potential sensitivity associated with travel to such areas, it is important that the highest levels of ICE be properly informed of the circumstances and necessity of travel to such areas. As such, it is imperative that the Assistant Secretary receives a briefing well in advance of travel to areas of conflict or war zones and that he/she verbally approves of the travel. Additionally, International Affairs, the appropriate programmatic Deputy Assistant Director, the Director of the Office of Investigations and the Assistant Secretary must approve such travel in writing before travel may commence.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Deputy Chief of Staff   
 at (202) 514-

Cc: All Special Agents in Charge  
All ICE Attachés  
All Headquarters Deputy Assistant Directors