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SUBJECT: DHS Guidance Regarding Polygraph Examinations of ICE
Officers Assigned to the FBI Joint Terrorist Task Forces

This memorandum reiterates Department of Homeland Security (DHS) guidance regarding the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) requirement that all participants in the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTFs) undergo a polygraph examination. DHS does not require polygraph examinations for DHS employees, and does not foresee such examinations as a condition for participation in the JTTFs.

On August 29, 2006, the FBI notified ICE Headquarters of new FBI protocols requiring the counterintelligence-focused polygraph examination of ICE JTTF officers. The new protocols were based upon the FBI's interpretation of standards outlined by Director of Central Intelligence Directive 6/4 (Personnel Security Standards and Procedures Governing Eligibility for Access to Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI)).

Current DHS policy does not require polygraphs for DHS employees participating in the JTTFs. DHS recognizes the need for DHS JTTF personnel to maintain Top Secret, SCI clearances, and continues to use traditional personnel security requirements associated with maintaining that level of clearance. ICE personnel should know that they are not to undergo FBI polygraph examinations as a condition of assignment to a JTTF.

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Please call (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Counter Terrorism Unit Chief, ICE HQ Office of Investigations, at (202) 353-(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) if a polygraph examination of an ICE officer is requested by the FBI as a condition of participation in the JTTF. Any questions regarding this memorandum should also be directed to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)