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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Directors  
Deputy Assistant Directors

FROM: Marcy M. Forman   
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SUBJECT: National Policy Coordination Between U.S. Customs and  
Border Protection, Office of Field Operations, and  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Office of  
Investigations

The creation of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) unified the agencies responsible for protecting our American Homeland and Nation's Borders by enforcing laws under a single department to provide cohesive and coherent authority and direction. Within DHS, border law enforcement responsibilities rest with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). ICE and CBP have both recognized that the ICE Office of Investigations (OI) is the investigative arm for CBP's Office of Field Operations (OFO) and the principal contact for investigative matters, while CBP's OFO is responsible for operational activities and interdictions at the ports of entry.

To foster this ever-strengthening coordination between ICE/OI and CBP/OFO, policy issuances with impact on both ICE/OI and CBP/OFO will be reviewed and concurred by the appropriate Deputy Assistant Director(s) in ICE/OI and the appropriate Executive Director(s) in CBP/OFO. This process will also serve as the vehicle by which ICE/OI and CBP/OFO can provide each other with information on proposed policies, or changes to existing policies, and the opportunity to exchange meaningful input accordingly.

Within ICE/OI, the Unit Chief, Planning and Policy Unit, Mission Support Division, will serve as the coordinator of all such policy review and will ensure proper concurrence by both ICE/OI and the appropriate counterparts within CBP/OFO.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or have a member of your staff contact (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Unit Chief, Planning and Policy, Mission Support Division, at (202) 307-(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)