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**U.S. Immigration
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Field Office Directors
Special Agents in Charge

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Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Operation Reservation Guaranteed

During the past year, the Office of Detention and Removal Operations (DRO) has implemented a number of significant mission-enhancing efficiencies such as shortened removal cycle times, increased use of the Justice Prisoner and Transportation System (JPATS) and other air assets, and rapid activation of detention space. These efficiencies have provided U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with the opportunity to increase the apprehension and removal of illegal aliens during the remainder of the Fiscal Year.

In order to fully maximize this opportunity, I am establishing a joint DRO-Office of Investigations (OI) Detention Operations Coordination Center (DOCC). The DOCC, which will become operational on July 17, 2006, will have two major goals. First, it will ensure that all field offices have adequate detention space for routine apprehensions. Second, it will coordinate special operations requiring large numbers of detention beds.

The DOCC will accomplish these goals by monitoring detained dockets in order to move cases from field offices with detention shortages to field offices with surpluses. For larger scale operations that exceed a field office's capacity, the DOCC will locate detention space in other jurisdictions and arrange for the necessary transportation assets to utilize that space. The DOCC will ensure that enforcement efforts by both DRO and OI are matched with adequate national detention space and accommodated by DRO transportation services. The DOCC's ultimate objective will be to ensure that no illegal alien apprehended during the remainder of the fiscal year will be released due to a lack of detention space.

OI and DRO Headquarters personnel have developed operational plans to increase apprehension activities within their programmatic areas, including the Institutional Removal and Criminal Alien programs, worksite enforcement, financial investigations, Operation Community Shield, compliance enforcement, anti-smuggling, fugitive operations, and the expansion of Expedited Removal to all nationalities with the exception of Cuba and El Salvador. These activities have been the focus of ICE's interior enforcement efforts under the Secure Border Initiative. A joint memorandum from OI and DRO regarding these plans will be issued on July 17, 2006. In addition, each program will subsequently issue specific operational plans of its own.

Operation Reservation Guaranteed has my full support and the support of all the senior staff at Headquarters. Please know that we are ready to provide all necessary assistance to make this exciting opportunity a reality. I appreciate your hard work and sustained commitment to this goal, and due to your efforts, ICE is on track to achieve an unprecedented level of success in apprehending and removing illegal aliens.