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MEMORANDUM FOR ALVIN A. SCHALL
Assistant to the Attorney General

Re: Justice Department Study Concerning AIDS

Your February 15, 1989 memorandum requested that this Office convene a meeting for the purposes of (1) developing a recommendation to the Attorney General concerning which Department component or components should be involved in conducting the study called for by Public Law 100-607 and (2) considering who should be responsible for developing procedures to ensure that the Department learns in a timely fashion of statutory directives.

The meeting you requested took place on February 28, 1989. It was attended by representatives of the Associate Attorney General, the Criminal and Justice Management Divisions, the Bureau of Prisons, and the Offices of Justice Programs, Legislative Affairs, and Legal Counsel. The group unanimously agreed to recommend that the Office of Justice Programs conduct the study; OJP undertook to prepare a proposed Attorney General memorandum assigning the study to OJP. It was further agreed that the Office of Legislative Affairs, consistent with current practice, has the primary responsibility for ensuring that the Department learns of statutory directives; OLA undertook to prepare a memorandum summarizing the relevant procedures. OJP and OLA have prepared these memoranda, and they are attached.

Consistent with my memorandum to you of February 2, 1989, I recommend that the Attorney General sign the memorandum assigning the study to OJP. In addition, I have read the OLA memorandum and believe that the procedures described therein should be adequate, especially if utilization of computer searches proves feasible. Please let me know if this Office can be of further assistance to you in this matter.

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Attachments

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