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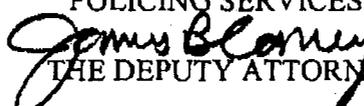
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FROM: 
THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

SUBJECT: Policies Affecting Anti-Gang Activities within the
Department of Justice

To ensure the most effective coordination of anti-gang efforts by the Department of Justice (the Department), I hereby direct as follows:

1. Within 30 days from the date of this memorandum, the Department's Chief Information Officer (CIO) shall report to the Deputy Attorney General whether it is feasible, cost-effective, and appropriate to create an integrated gang database/network within the Department. The CIO's examination shall include the National Gang Intelligence Center, the OCDETF Fusion Center, the Regional

Information Sharing Systems, Law Enforcement Online, the National Law Enforcement Telecommunication System and any other gang-related networks and/or databases utilized by any agency or component of the Department. In order to ensure the timely completion of the CIO's examination, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the United States Marshals Service and the Bureau of Prisons shall promptly meet with the CIO as needed at the CIO's request.

2. In conducting the examination set forth in paragraph 1, the CIO shall utilize the model for intelligence and information sharing set forth in The National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan and the Department's Law Enforcement Information Sharing Program.
3. In order to enhance investigative coordination, it shall be the policy of the Department that, where feasible, whether at headquarters or in the field, all anti-gang intelligence and information systems shall be co-located.
4. In order to ensure efficiency, flexibility, effectiveness and collaboration among all affected Department components, it shall be the policy of the Department that all funding related to anti-gang intelligence databases and networks should be provided to the Attorney General for distribution to the relevant Department components.
5. In Federal judicial districts and cities where there are multiple anti-gang task forces and/or initiatives, all such task forces and initiatives shall be co-located, where feasible, to ensure coordination, intelligence sharing and target de-confliction. If co-location is not feasible, the district's Anti-Gang Coordinator shall establish a formal mechanism for coordinating anti-gang activities that includes regular meetings of the federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies involved in anti-gang investigation and enforcement.
6. Gang investigations that meet the criteria for an OCDETF investigation shall be nominated to the regional committee as OCDETF investigations.
7. Where appropriate, an OCDETF region should adopt regional priority organizational target (RPOT) lists that include international, national, and regional gangs that meet the OCDETF criteria for an RPOT.
8. All gang-related grant solicitations from any agency or component of the Department shall be reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Anti-Gang Coordination Committee prior to publication of the solicitation.