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COMMENDATIONS

Assistant United States Attorneys DAN DRAKE, JOHN LYONS and PHILIP MAC-DONNELL, District of Arizona, have been commended by Mr. Ted O. Lawrence, Regional Agent in Charge, Office of Inspector General, Department of Labor in San Francisco, California, for their diligent assistance in the trial of Kenneth Cormier and Steven Garcia for illegal use of CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) funds, resulting in a guilty verdict for both individuals on one or more counts.

Assistant United States Attorney MICHAEL S. FELDBERG, Southern District of New York, has been commended by Mr. Donald E. O'Shea, Commodity News Services, Inc. in New York, New York, for a highly professional job accomplished in the successful prosecution of United States v. Kaare Gilboe, Jr., resulting in the full conviction of Kaare Gilboe, Jr., who was involved in an international maritime fraud scheme.

Assistant United States Attorney G. WINGATE GRANT, Eastern District of Virginia, has been commended by D. Lowell Jensen, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, for his excellent efforts made in representing the Government in the litigation concerning cases dealing with Cuban detainees.

Assistant United States Attorney BRUCE R. HEURLIN, District of Arizona, has been commended by Mr. Ross R. Hopkins, Superintendent of the National Park Service, United States Department of Interior in Tucson, Arizona, for his fine work in securing a favorable verdict for the Government in the Davidson case involving a torts claim.

Assistant United States Attorney ROBERT W. JASPEN, Eastern District of Virginia, has been commended by D. Lowell Jensen, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, for his assistance in seeking the emergency stay from the Fourth Circuit in regard to the District Court's order issued on that date in Miquel Mayet Palma v. R. J. Verdeyen.

Assistant United States Attorney, CHARLES LEE WATERS, Western District of Oklahoma, has been commended by C. Edwin Enright, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for the expeditious and professional handling of the Everett case dealing with oil fraud.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS
William P. Tyson, DirectorPOINTS TO REMEMBERSubpoenas to Representatives of the News Media

On February 19, 1982, Rudolph W. Giuliani, Associate Attorney General, directed the following memorandum to all United States Attorneys which relates to Subpoenas to Representatives of the News Media and refers to the recent memorandum that was sent by the Attorney General on January 18, 1982, and also published in 30 USAB No. 3, February 5, 1982.



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Office of the Associate Attorney General

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February 19, 1982

MEMORANDUM

TO: All United States Attorneys

FROM: Rudolph W. Giuliani
Associate Attorney General

SUBJECT: Subpoenas to Representatives of the News Media

On January 18, 1982, the Attorney General sent each of you a memorandum regarding, among other things, the Department's long-standing guidelines governing the issuance of subpoenas to representatives of the news media. I will not repeat the substance of the Attorney General's memorandum, except to say that the guidelines are critically important to the Department and should be followed scrupulously and in the spirit in which they were written.

Despite the Attorney General's recent memorandum, which you were asked to circulate to all your Assistants, we have recently learned of yet another instance in which a subpoena was issued to a news reporter without compliance with -- indeed, in apparent ignorance of -- the guidelines set forth in 28 C.F.R. § 50.10. This greatly concerns the Attorney General. I ask you once again to call to the attention of every Assistant United States Attorney in your office the existence and the importance of the Department's guidelines and policies in this area.

Thanks very much.

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CIVIL DIVISION
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Baldrige v. Shapiro, No. 80-1436, Supreme Court and McNichols v. Baldrige, No. 80-1781, Supreme Court (February 24, 1982). D.J. #145-9-539 and D.J. #145-9-536.

FOIA, DISCOVERY AND CENSUS ACT: SUPREME COURT
HOLDS THAT CENSUS ACT BARS DISCLOSURE UNDER
FOIA OR IN DISCOVERY OF RAW DATA MAINTAINED BY
THE CENSUS BUREAU

These cases came from the Third and Tenth Circuits and involved the confidentiality of Census Bureau address lists employed in connection with the 1980 Census. The Third Circuit had affirmed summarily a district court order allowing a locality access to the address lists under the Freedom of Information Act. The Tenth Circuit, on the other hand, had reversed a district court order requiring disclosure of the address lists to a city during civil discovery. The Supreme Court granted certiorari in the two cases to resolve the conflict between the circuits. The Court has just ruled unanimously that sections 8 and 9 of the Census Act create an absolute bar to disclosure of the data maintained by the Census Bureau. Thus, the Court held that the address lists are exempt from disclosure under Exemption 3 of the Freedom of Information Act, and are privileged from disclosure in civil discovery. As the Court recognized, this ruling effectuates the clear congressional intent to preserve the absolute confidentiality of raw census data in order to maintain public confidence and cooperation in the decennial census. The Supreme Court decision brings to an end protracted litigation before many courts on the question whether those challenging the 1980 census results may rely on confidential census information to support their claims.

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Coleman Young v. Malcolm Baldrige, No. 81-867, Supreme Court
(February 22, 1982). D.J. #145-9-518.

STANDING: SUPREME COURT DENIES CERTIORARI IN
CASE BROUGHT BY DETROIT CHALLENGING 1980
DECENNIAL CENSUS, AND THEREBY LEAVES IN PLACE
SIXTH CIRCUIT DISMISSAL OF CASE FOR LACK OF
STANDING

This case involved a challenge by the Mayor and City of Detroit to the Census Bureau's conduct of the 1980 Decennial Census. Plaintiffs alleged a disproportionate undercount of Blacks and Hispanics, as compared to Whites, and argued that the Constitution requires a statistically defensible adjustment of the official census count under these circumstances. The district court agreed and ordered the Bureau to develop a statistically defensible method to adjust for the alleged undercount throughout the entire nation.

On appeal, the Sixth Circuit, one judge dissenting, reversed the judgment of the district court. The panel accepted the government's threshold argument that Detroit lacks standing to challenge the Bureau's 1980 census count, since it is the State of Michigan -- and not the Census Bureau -- that is responsible for congressional redistricting within the state. Because of this ruling of nonjusticiability, the court of appeals found it unnecessary to reach the merits of Detroit's contentions and did not discuss the authority for or reasonableness of the Bureau's actions. A petition for rehearing en banc was denied. On November 9, 1981, Detroit filed a petition for a writ of certiorari in the Supreme Court to review the decision of the Sixth Circuit. We filed an opposition and the Supreme Court has just denied Detroit's petition.

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Dick v. United States, No. 81-6076, 2nd Circuit (February 4, 1982). D.J. #61-52-550.

ADMIRALTY AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: SECOND
CIRCUIT HOLDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS ENTITLED
TO LIMIT LIABILITY IN THE CASE OF DAMAGE
CAUSED BY COAST GUARD AUXILIARY VESSELS

Plaintiff was injured while being rescued by a Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel. He sued for damages under the Public Vessels Act. Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels are motorboats or yachts privately owned by members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary who volunteer their services and vessels for Coast Guard safety patrol and assistance functions. These vessels are by statute "public vessels" when performing Coast Guard duties, thus subjecting the United States to exclusive liability for their negligent operation. The district court found that the rescue operation was negligently performed by the owner-Auxiliarist, and awarded damages of \$37,830. It denied the government's petition to limit liability to the \$8,000 value of the Auxiliary vessel, on the basis that the government had not established that it owned the vessel or was a demise charterer under the Limited Liability Act. The government appealed this ruling. The court of appeals reversed, Judge Mansfield dissenting. The majority held that "one who is subjected to a shipowner's liability * * * should be able to limit his liability to that of an owner." It remanded with instructions to limit the government's liability to the value of the Auxiliary vessel.

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John Christopher Doyle v. United States Department of Justice, C.A.D.C. No. 80-2121 (November 6, 1981). D. J. 145-12-4340

FOIA: D.C. CIRCUIT AFFIRMS DISMISSAL
OF FOIA LAWSUIT WHERE PLAINTIFF REMAINS
FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE

Appellant Doyle filed a lawsuit under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) against the defendants appealing a withholding of documents on Doyle. The United States District Court for the District of Columbia dismissed the complaint on the basis that Doyle had been and remained a fugitive from justice as a result of his failing to appear at his sentencing in 1965, causing a bench warrant to be issued for his arrest.

On appeal, the D. C. Circuit affirmed, holding that the refusal to submit to federal jurisdiction for sentencing purposes was sufficient reason to deny access to the federal authority for other reasons. This would be the case irrespective of whether, as the appellant asserted, Congress failed to include such a specific exemption in the Act. Citing Molinaro v. New Jersey, 396 U. S. 366, 366 (1970), the court recognized the general rule being that where an individual evades federal authority, he may not demand that a federal court service his complaint.

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Rosebud Coal Sales Co. v. Andrus; California Portland Cement Co. v. Andrus, ___ F.2d ___, Nos. 81-1842 and 81-1249 (10th Cir., January 8, 1982) DJ 90-1-18-1415.

Interior's readjustment of coal leasing royalty rate invalidated.

These consolidated cases were brought by federal coal lessees to challenge Interior's readjustment of the royalty rate from \$.15 per ton to 12 1/2% of the fair market value of the coal extracted. The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 provides that federal coal leases may be issued for a term of 20 years and may be continuously renewed thereafter at the lessor's option. However, Interior may readjust the terms and conditions of a lease "at the end of" each 20-year period. In these cases, Interior notified the lessees of the readjusted royalty rates 2 1/2 years after the termination of the most recent 20-year period. Two separate district courts ruled the readjustments invalid because they were not initiated before the 20-year period expired. The court of appeals affirmed on the ground that the plain meaning of the phrase "at the end of," in the 1920 Act, means before or on the last day of the 20-year period. Thereafter, Interior's readjustments, coming after the expiration of the 20-year period, are not permitted under the 1920 Act. The effect of the decision is to continue the depression-era royalty rate of \$.15 per ton (about 1% of the present market value of the coal) in effect until 1996.

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Peterson v. Watt, ___ F.2d ___, No. 79-3457 (9th Cir.,
January 22, 1982) DJ 90-1-5-1322.

Res judicata no bar to assertion of claim by the
United States not asserted or litigated in earlier action.

The Petersons were owners of land formerly located on the east bank of the Colorado River in Arizona. When the River subsequently moved eastward, the Petersons brought suit in district court to quiet title to the land which emerged on the west bank of the Colorado River in Nevada. The United

States, as riparian owner of the west bank of the River, was the named defendant, and the State of Nevada, having entered into a contract with the United States to purchase some 15,000 acres of land in this area, was joined as a party defendant. Relying on Bonelli Cattle v. Arizona, 414 U.S. 313 (1973), the State of Nevada asserted no claim of title to the land in question. However, during the course of the trial, the Supreme Court partially overruled Bonelli (Oregon ex rel. State Land Board v. Corvallis Sand & Gravel Co.), 429 U.S. 363, and the State of Nevada informed the court of its desire to preserve any rights which might flow to it as a result of that decision. Following trial, the district court ruled that the Petersons' title was completely extinguished by the movement of the River; the Petersons did not appeal the decision. The district court also went on to determine ownership as between the United States and Nevada, quieting title in the State of Nevada to a 90-acre portion of the emerged land. The United States appealed on the ground that neither party asserted or litigated a claim to the land. The Ninth Circuit agreed, and vacated that portion of the district court's decision deciding title as between the sovereigns, and ruled that the parties cannot be barred by res judicata, waiver or estoppel from asserting a claim in a later action. The case was remanded to the district court for entry of an appropriate order.

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United States v. 49.01 Acres, Osage County, Oklahoma
(Anderson), ___ F.2d ___, Nos. 79-1672 and 79-1673 (10th
Cir., January 25, 1982) DJ 33-37-268-1407.

Condemnation; scope-of-the-project rule applies to acquisition covered by Corps criteria, even if accidentally omitted in original taking.

The original design memorandum prepared by the Corps of Engineers for the Keystone Reservoir Project, Oklahoma, stated that the Corps would take all lands below a certain elevation contour. The Corps then prepared a map of the lands which it believed met the acquisition criteria and the Corps subsequently acquired all of the property designated on the map. Subsequently, however, the Corps discovered that, due to a surveying error, several small parcels of land below the original designated elevation contour were

omitted from the acquisition map. When the Corps filed a condemnation action to acquire these parcels, the district court held that, due to the delay in acquiring them, they were not within the original "scope of the project" and, thus, the landowners were entitled to the value of the lands as enhanced by the government's project.

The court of appeals reversed. The court found that the Corps' delay in acquiring the property did not take the lands at issue outside the "scope of the project." Here, the Corps' original acquisition criteria, based on a specific elevation contour, coupled with the fact that portions of the property had been permanently flooded since completion of the dam, should have placed the landowners on notice that the Corps had not abandoned its intention to acquire the subject lands. Therefore, the court ruled, the landowners are not entitled to be compensated for the value of their lands as enhanced by the government's project.

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Atlanta Gas Light Co. v. DOE, _____ F.2d _____ (11th Cir., February 1, 1982) DJ 90-1-0-8-65.

Power Plant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978;
DOE's regulations sustained.

Several gas distribution companies petitioned for review of DOE regulations implementing Section 402 of the Power Plant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978, 42 U.S.C. 8372. Section 402, inter alia, directed the Secretary of Energy to promulgate a rule prohibiting gas distribution companies from providing natural gas for use in outdoor lighting. (In 1981, the Act was amended to permit distribution of natural gas to existing residential outdoor lighting fixtures.) Section 402 also authorized the Secretary to delegate the responsibility as authority with regard to outdoor lighting to the "appropriate regulatory authority of a State." The regulations challenged in this petition for review, prohibited the distribution of natural gas for lighting in accordance with the statute, delegated responsibility for the program to the States, and expressly retained the power to rescind the delegation if a State failed to comply with the Act or regulations. Petitioners claimed that the Act was unconstitutional because it regulated local commerce

(gas distribution) beyond the reach of the Commerce Clause; that the delegation to the States violated the Tenth Amendment; and that the enforcement provisions were so vague as to violate due process. The court of appeals held that the Act fell within the Commerce power of the federal government because there was a rational basis for the determination that the activity affects interstate commerce and the means chosen were reasonably adapted to the goal of reducing dependence on natural gas. The court also held that the petitioners had standing to assert a Tenth Amendment challenge to the delegation provisions; but rejected that challenge on the merits because the States remain free to reject the delegation. Finally, it held that petitioners' due process claims were not ripe for adjudication because the States' plans for enforcing the regulations were not before the court.

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United States v. Citizens State Bank et. al., No. 80-2192 (8th Cir., decided Jan. 15, 1982).

EIGHTH CIRCUIT DENIED EAJA AWARD IN SUMMONS
ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDING. ALTHOUGH APPELLANTS
WERE PREVAILING PARTIES, IRS WAS SUBSTANTIALLY
JUSTIFIED IN SEEKING ENFORCEMENT OF THE SUMMONS.

The Eighth Circuit denied appellants' claim for attorney fees in the second appeal of this summons enforcement proceeding brought to obtain records pertaining to U. S. Taxpayers Union (USTU), an organization opposed to the current operation of IRS and committed to effecting changes in the federal taxation system. Earlier, the Circuit Court had held that the district court erred in refusing to consider a first amendment claim relating to the enforcement of the summons and remanded the case to the district court for a determination as to whether the disclosure would adversely affect appellants' freedom of association and, if so, whether the IRS could establish a compelling need for the documents. On remand, however, the parties agreed to a procedure whereby the documents were reviewed and those which did not reveal the identities of USTU members were released to IRS. The proceeding was then dismissed and an application for attorney fees was filed by appellants under the Allen amendment to the Civil Rights Attorney's Fees Awards Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1988). The district court denied the application on the ground that the appellants had not prevailed.

On appeal, the Circuit Court found that the Allen amendment had been repealed by the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) and that EAJA applied because a court must generally apply the law in effect at the time it renders its decision. The Court found that the appellants had achieved what they had sought--anonymity for members and contributors of USTU--so that they were prevailing parties. The court denied the claim for attorney fees, however, because the summons had been issued in good faith and for a proper purpose with the result that IRS met its burden of showing that it was substantially justified in seeking enforcement of the summons. U.S. v. Citizens State Bank et. al., No. 80-2192 (8th Cir., decided Jan. 15, 1982).

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SELECTED CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY 18, 1982 - MARCH 4, 1982

H.R. 5116. H.R. 5116, which passed the House of Representatives on December 16, 1981, is a bill which would amend section 403 of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 so as to place a \$200,000 limit on administrative fees payable for referee's salaries for Chapter VII (liquidation) proceedings pending under the former bankruptcy law after September 30, 1979. The legislation would, in effect, provide relief to a handful of large bankruptcy proceedings and would cost the Treasury \$22 million. The Department opposes this special privilege being conferred upon large-asset estates. The Office of Management and Budget has approved the Department's position on this matter.

Authorization - Antitrust. On February 25, William F. Baxter, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, appeared before the House Judiciary's Subcommittee on Monopolies and Commercial Law concerning the Division's authorization.

Pension Fraud. On February 23 and 24, Senator Orrin Hatch, Chairman, Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, began a series of hearings on the Labor Department's handling of pension fund enforcement cases. Senator Hatch was very critical of the Labor Department. Lowell Jensen, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, was to testify, but Senator Hatch required the appearance of three field attorneys along with Mr. Jensen. Because this violated Department policies, Mr. Jensen did not testify.

Federal Energy Reorganization Act. The Department continues to object strenuously to the submission to the Congress of the Department of Commerce draft bill to dismantle the Department of Energy. In its present form the bill would grant litigating authority to the Commerce Department.

Voting Rights Act. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution continues its hearings on the extension of the Act. William Bradford Reynolds, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, testified on March 1.

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Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

Rule 6(e)(3)(C)(i). The Grand Jury.
Recording and Disclosure
of Proceedings.
Exceptions.

State attorneys general appealed from denial of their motion for disclosure of federal grand jury materials under section 4F(b) of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, 15 U.S.C. 15f(b). The Second Circuit, disagreeing with the Fifth and Ninth Circuits (see United States v. B. F. Goodrich Company, 619 F.2d 798 (9th Cir. 1980), and United States v. Colonial Chevrolet Corporation, et al., 629 F.2d 943 (5th Cir. 1980), as reported at 28 USAB 693 (No. 20; 9/26/80)), held that grand jury materials are not "investigative files or other materials" under section 4F(b), that the law governing disclosure of grand jury materials remains as set forth in Rule 6(e)(3)(C)(i), and that state attorneys general must make the traditional showing of particularized need under Rule 6(e)(3)(C)(i) in order to obtain disclosure of grand jury materials.

(Affirmed.)

In Re: Grand Jury Investigation of Cuisinarts, Inc., United States v. Cuisinarts, Inc., No. 81-7338, ___ F.2d ___ (2d Cir. November 19, 1981).

Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

Rule 44(c). Right to and Assignment
of Counsel. Joint
Representation.

Two defendants, convicted of narcotics offenses, appealed, contending that the trial court's failure to comply with Rule 44(c) required reversal. On December 1, 1980, the date that new Rule 44(c) took effect and the first day of trial, defendant Tavarez's counsel moved, at Tavarez's request, to withdraw from the case and have defendant Benavidez's counsel represent both defendants. On inquiring about the joint representation, the trial judge was informed by both counsels that no potential conflict was perceived and by both defendants that they had no objections to joint representation. The judge did not, however, advise the defendants of their right to the effective assistance of counsel, including separate representation, as required by Rule 44(c). Defendants argued on appeal that the mandatory language of the rule rendered such failure reversible error.

The Court noted that Rule 44(c) is a prophylactic rule, the goal of which is not the inquiry or advice it prescribes, but rather the prevention of conflicts in joint representation. Accordingly, the rule's purpose would not be served by automatic reversal where there is no actual conflict. After examining the facts in this case, the Court determined that there was no such actual conflict, and that the trial court's noncompliance with the rule was not reversible error.

(Affirmed.)

United States v. Ralph Benavidez and Abel Tavarez,
664 F.2d 1255 (5th Cir. January 4, 1982)

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