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SUBJECT: Guidance Regarding Discretionary Referrals for Special Registration

On October 31, 2002, a memorandum titled "Specific Guidance Regarding Discretionary Referrals for Special Registration" was issued to the field. This memorandum alerted the field to the increased threat of terrorist activity and that officers should increase their vigilance with regard to the Attorney General's pre-existing criteria for special alien registration. In particular, the memorandum stated that officers should increase their vigilance with regards to persons presenting travel documents from certain countries.

Based upon current information, it has been determined that specific guidance contained in the October 31, 2002, memorandum may be discontinued in regard to Sierra Leone. Citizens and nationals of Sierra Leone can still be specially registered if the alien meets all of the applicable registration requirements and falls within the Attorney General's pre-existing criteria. However, the specific intelligence information that led to the issuance of the October 31, 2002, memorandum no longer applies to Sierra Leone.

Please disseminate this memorandum to all districts, ports, sectors, and asylum offices in your jurisdiction. Please refer questions regarding this memorandum to Stephen Dearborn at (202) 305-2970.