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MEMORANDUM FOR REGIONAL DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: Extension for Commuter Part-time Students Residing in Contiguous Territory to
Continue to Pursue Course of Study

On May 22, 2002, the Immigration and Naturalization (Service) issued a memorandum entitled "Commuter Part-time Students Residing in Contiguous Territory", to clarify the Service policy on the admission of visitors to pursue a part-time course of study. The term "course of study" implies a focused program of classes leading to a degree or that teaches a potential vocation. The memorandum provided July 1, 2002 as the deadline for ports-of-entry (POEs) to be in compliance with the national policy as stated in the memorandum. On June 28, 2002, a memorandum entitled "Extension for the Commuter Part-time Students Residing in Contiguous Territory" extended the compliance date to August 15, 2002. The extension was necessary to allow the Service to pursue administrative or legislative accommodations for these part-time commuter students. The Service continues to work toward a more permanent resolution of this important issue.

Recognizing the unique nature of the border communities and the need to serve the educational interests of the students living on both sides of the U.S.-Canada and U.S.-Mexico borders, the compliance date is hereby extended to December 31, 2002. POEs may authorize humanitarian parole, in accordance with section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and existing policies, for those students who were pursuing a part-time course of study at the time of issuance of the May 22, 2002 memorandum and wish to continue the program. Parole should not be granted to aliens enrolling in new courses of study.