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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THROUGH: THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

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SUBJECT: Renewal of the Immigration and Naturalization Service
Data Management Improvement Act Task Force

PURPOSE: To obtain the Attorney General's approval of the renewal charter for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Data Management Improvement Act Task Force hereinafter referred to as "Task Force".

TIMETABLE: As soon as possible.

DISCUSSION: This memorandum requests your approval to renew the Task Force pursuant to Public Law 106-215, INS Data Management Improvement Act of 2000, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C.App. II (the Act). As the Department's Committee Management Officer, I have reviewed the proposed charter and find it consistent with the Act.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that you sign the attached charter to approve the renewal of the Task Force. This action would give the Task Force a two-year period in which to operate.

APPROVE: *KK*

Concurring Components:

None

DATE: 12/2/02

DISAPPROVE: _____

Nonconcurring Components:

None

OTHER: _____

Attachments

**Immigration and Naturalization Service Data Management
Improvement Act of 2000 Task Force**

CHARTER

- A. **Official Designation:** Immigration and Naturalization Service Data Management Improvement Act Task Force hereinafter referred to as "Task Force".
- B. **Scope and Objectives:** The Task Force shall evaluate the following:
- 1) How the Attorney General can efficiently and effectively carry out section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1221 note), as amended by Public Law 106-215.
 - 2) How the United States can improve the flow of traffic at airports, seaports and land border ports-of-entry through—
 - a) Enhancing systems for data collection and data sharing, including the integrated entry and exit data system described in section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1221 note), as amended by Public Law 106-215, by better use of technology, resources and personnel;
 - b) Increasing cooperation between the public and private sectors;
 - c) Increasing cooperation among Federal agencies and among Federal and State agencies; and
 - d) Modifying information technology systems while taking into account the different data systems, infrastructure and processing procedures of airports, seaports, and land border ports-of-entry.
 - 3) The cost of implementing each of its recommendations.

It is the sense of the Congress that the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Office of Homeland Security should consult with affected foreign governments to improve border management cooperation.

C. **Period of Time Necessary for the Committee to Carry Out its Purposes:** The Immigration and Naturalization Service anticipates that the Task Force will be able to complete its functions within the Congressionally authorized period.

D. **Reporting Relationship:** The Task Force will report to the Attorney General.

E. **Support Services:** The Immigration and Naturalization Service will provide all necessary support services for the Task Force.

F. **Duties:** The Task Force, as appointed by the Attorney General or his designee, shall have responsibility for developing recommendations regarding the accomplishment of the objectives listed in the Scope and Objectives. The Task Force may hold hearings, take testimony and receive evidence to assist in carrying out the Task Force duties.

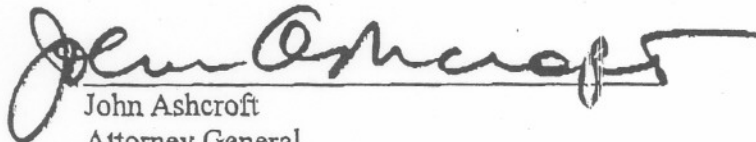
G. **Costs:** The FY 2003 and 2004 annual operating costs associated with supporting the Task Force functions are estimated to be \$2.8 million per year, including all direct and indirect expenses. It is estimated that 7.2 FTEs will be required to support the Task Force.

H. **Meetings:** The Task Force shall conduct scheduled meetings approximately every six months in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and implementing regulations.

I. **Date of Termination:** This charter expires two years from its effective date and is subject to renewal.

J. **Charter Date:**

The date of the charter is December 3, 2002



John Ashcroft
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