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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
Office of Field Operations

Director, Preclearance
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FROM: Executive Director (Acting)
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SUBJECT: Change of Circumstance – Preclearance Flights

This memorandum serves as a reminder of the importance U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) places on the security and integrity of flights from Preclearance (PC) ports. It has been brought to CBP's attention that some carriers are contacting arrival ports of entry (POE) for post-clearance of a flight, due to change of circumstance, without notifying the originating PC port.

Examples of change of circumstance for precleared flights include;

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Any one these will negate the precleared designation of a flight. Arriving crew and passengers must therefore be processed as international arrivals at the U.S. port of arrival. All POE's will ensure that airline points of contact are in communication with CBP management at the PC location, to ensure a coordinated response between port of departure and port of arrival. If airline personnel have already notified the origin PC location, PC management will coordinate post-clearance with the U.S. port of arrival and notifications to the Preclearance Director and OFO leadership.

This memo should be disseminated to all Port Directors in your area of responsibility.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter. Should you have any policy related questions, please contact (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Preclearance Operations, Program Manager at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).