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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
Director, Preclearance Operations
Executive Directors, Headquarters
Office of Field Operations

FROM: **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**
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SUBJECT: Discontinuance of Mandatory Verification of SEVIS status
at Air, Land and Sea Ports of Entry

Effective immediately, the mandatory requirement to verify the status of all arriving non-immigrant students, such as "F", "M", and "J" nonimmigrant visa holders, or Canadian students in possession of a form I-20 in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) has been rescinded. In addition, Field Offices are no longer required to track the number of SEVIS verifications and can discontinue reporting on a daily basis to the **(b) (7)(E)**

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The interim process has resulted in a single type of record being created **(b) (7)(E)** to address **(b) (7)(E)**

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The onus is on the port of entry to verify that travelers **(b) (7)(E)** have a valid status in SEVIS prior to being admitted to the United States.

In situations where an applicant has been found to (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) and is applying under an "F", "M" or "J" nonimmigrant classification, referral to secondary is mandatory. (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E). However, if the processing CBP officer (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) may be contacted for additional guidance at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Port Directors must ensure that proper CBP procedures are followed in all cases found to have (b) (7)(E)

In cases where a Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) subject is encountered and is applying as an "F", "M" or "J" nonimmigrant, referral to secondary is not required if (b) (7)(E)

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All Adverse actions initiated must be processed in (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E). Any documentary deficiency that may require issuance of Form I-515 (Notice to Student and Exchange Visitor) may require Supervisory CBP officer concurrence and processed according to current CBP policy.

The appropriate charge to consider for those applicants whose SEVIS status has been verified and confirmed as Terminated, No Show, Deactivated, Withdrawn, etc., will be Section 212(a)(7)(A)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this memorandum, please contact Program Manager (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).