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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Directors, Field Operations

Director, Preclearance Operations Executive Directors, Headquarters

Office of Field Operations

FROM:

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Office of Field Operations

SUBJECT:

Discontinuance of Mandatory Verification of SEVIS status

at Air, Land and Sea Ports of Entry

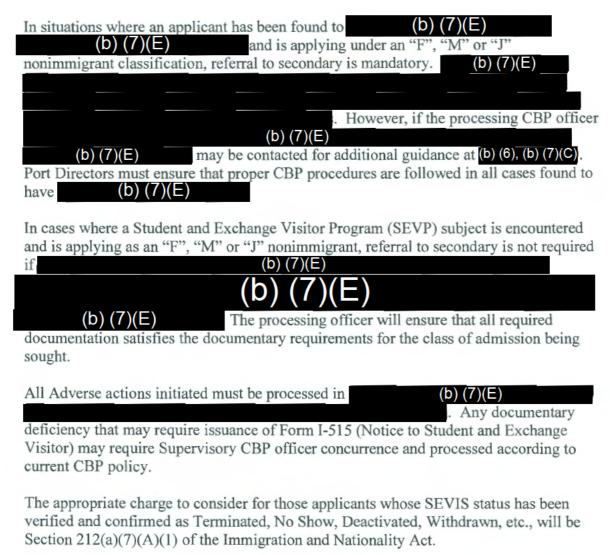
Effective immediately, the mandatory requirement to verify the status of all arriving non-immigrant students, such as "F", "M", and "J" nonimmigrant visa holders, or Canadian students in possession of a form I-20 in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) has been rescinded. In addition, 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)

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.

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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)