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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
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FROM: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Executive Director
Admissibility and
Office of Field Operations

SUBJECT: CBP Headquarters Point of Contact for Cuba Air Service
Program Expansion

On January 28, 2011, DHS published the final rule in the Federal Register entitled "Airports of Entry or Departure for Flights to and From Cuba." The final rule amended DHS regulations to allow additional U.S. airports to request approval of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to process authorized flights between the United States and Cuba. As defined in the Final Rule the application process is not limited in time and CBP will continue to accept applications as long as there are airports interested in applying. To date, CBP has approved applications from 16 U.S. airports. An airport in your field office may be one of the 16 airports currently approved for such travel or may be designated as such in the near future.

This memorandum reminds field offices that the CBP Headquarters point of contact (POC) designated in the Final Rule regulating Cuba air service expansion is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Director, Traveler Policies Divisions, Admissibility and Passenger Programs, Office of Field Operations. The CBP Headquarters POC serves also as a focal point for all interagency inquiries related to the implementation of the Final Rule, including from the Department of Treasury / Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), Department of State / Coordinator for Cuban Affairs (CCA), Department of Transportation, Department of Commerce and other implementing agencies. The Program Officer charged with interacting with field offices for this program is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). He is available to answer your questions, provide guidance and accept applications for service and may be reached at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or emailed at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

It is critical to this program that the lines of communication remain clear. Should you have any questions on this order of delegation please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.