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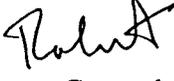
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for June 5, 2000 - June 9, 2000

The House and Senate will return from recess tomorrow, June 6.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Campaign Finance Investigation Hearing:** On June 6, the Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts (Grassley, Chair) of the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold an oversight hearing on the Department's handling of the investigation arising out of the 1996 Presidential campaign. Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section Chief Lee Radek is scheduled to testify before the Subcommittee. (Walter)

**Government Reform Oversight Hearing:** On June 6, the House Committee on Government Reform (Burton, Chair) will hold a hearing on the Department's implementation of the Independent Counsel Act with respect to the campaign fundraising investigation. Lee Radek, Chief of the Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section, and the FBI's former Deputy Director William Esposito, and Assistant Director of National Security Neil Gallagher, will testify before the Committee. (Tanner)

**Science Advisor:** On June 7, the Department's Science Advisor, Donald Prosnitz, will be meeting with Congressman Vernon Ehlers. The Congressman has requested this get-acquainted meeting to hear Mr. Prosnitz' thoughts about the kinds of technical expertise needed by the Department of Justice. Staff from the Office of Legislative Affairs will attend with Mr. Prosnitz (Scott-Finan)

**Money Laundering Markup:** On June 8, the House Banking Committee (Leach, Chair) will mark up H.R. 3886, a regulatory money laundering bill, largely drafted by the Treasury Department. (Graupensperger)

**Nominations:** The Senate Judiciary Committee has noticed the next nominations hearing for June 14 and has noticed a business meeting for every Thursday during the month of June.

On May 31, Acting Associate Attorney General Dan Marcus had a courtesy visit with staff for Senator Biden.

On May 25, the following nominations were sent to the Senate: Stephen Orlofsky, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and Norman Bay, to be United States Attorney for New Mexico. (Scott-Finan)

**Class Action Reform:** We expect class action reform to come before the Senate Judiciary Committee after the recess. Senator Grassley's bill, S. 353, is co-sponsored by Senator Kohl. A similar bill (H. R. 1875) passed narrowly in the House and the Statement of Administration Policy included a Senior Advisers' level veto threat. (Wilson)

**Hate Crimes:** Following a request regarding the constitutionality of S. 622 from Senators Kennedy and Gordon Smith, staff from the Department, including the Deputy Attorney General's Office, the Office of Legal Counsel, Legislative Affairs, the Civil Rights Division and the Solicitor General's Office, met last week and then held a conference call with Senator Kennedy's staff to discuss the most recent version of the hate crimes legislation in light of the U.S. v. Morrison decision. The Office of Legal Counsel has made recommendations for changes to the legislative language and is circulating the recommendations for comment. Senator Kennedy may offer hate crimes as an amendment to DOD appropriations when it comes up on the Senate floor this week. (Scott-Finan)

**Airline Competition Hearing:** On June 14, the House Judiciary Committee (Hyde, Chair) is scheduled to hold a hearing on airline competition. Antitrust Division's Deputy Assistant Attorney General John Nannes will testify before the Committee. (Slover)

### THE WEEK IN REVIEW

**Religious Liberty Bill:** On June 1, staff from the Department met with House and Senate staff to discuss the constitutionality of provisions of a proposed religious liberty bill. (Owen)

**New Mexico:** On May 31, John Crews, the Branch Office Supervisor of the Las Cruces Office of the United States Attorney for New Mexico, participated in a forum arranged by Senator Jeff Bingaman among federal state and local law enforcement and judicial entities to discuss the impact of the Southwest Border initiative on each of the entities. (Scott-Finan)

**Cybercrime Legislative Briefings:** On May 30, staff from the Office of Legislative Affairs and the Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section met with Beryl Howell, Counsel to Senator Leahy, Ranking Member on the Senate Judiciary Committee, regarding legislation pending to combat cybercrime.

In addition, on June 1, staff for Senator DeWine's Antitrust Subcommittee were briefed on the enforcement of the Electronics Communications Privacy Act and cybercrime training of investigators and prosecutors. (Daley)