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READERS CLEARINGHOUSE

Many attorneys within the Department have developed ideas or expertise in certain areas or are aware of local judicial precedents that could be of help to others but have not been communicated to attorneys outside their offices. In an attempt to encourage an exchange of such information this section of the <u>U.S. Attorneys' Bulletin</u> has been set aside to be used as a clearinghouse or readers' exchange of information useful to all attorneys within the Department.

Readers who develop a particular technique with respect to investigation, preparation of indictments, preparation of exhibits, or any other advocacy skills or techniques who become aware of local judicial precedents which may be of assistance to other Department attorneys, are invited to communicate such information to this office in a form appropriate for publication in this section of the <u>U.S. Attorneys' Bulletin.</u> In this way the Bulletin can become an effective means of exchanging very valuable information that should be of assistance to all readers.

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U. S. Attorneys' Office Casenotes

The following civil and criminal cases were submitted by the United States Attorneys' Office in the Western District of Virginia.

1. CIVIL - On August 19, 1980, judgment was entered for the Government in a Federal Tort Claims Act case wherein the owner of three bear-hunting dogs had sued the United States in negligence for the fatal shooting of the dogs by the Shenandoah National Park Ranger who observed the dogs chasing a small black bear in the Park in hot pursuit. The Ranger was the only eye witness to the shooting.

From the outset, the Government had contended that his actions should be exempt because of their falling within the discretionary function defense. Although the Court did not initially grant the summary judgment motion, after a trial on the merits it held that the Ranger's actions were discretionary in nature, and that otherwise the Plaintiff had failed to show negligence on the part of the United States.

- 2. CRIMINAL <u>United States v. United Castle Coal Company, et al</u>, involves a fifty-two count indictment concerning numerous violations of Title 30 of the United States Code, Coal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 as a result of events surrounding a fatal mine accident of April 22, 1980. The counts involve various violations of mandatory safety standards dealing primarily with roof control and falsification of the pre-shift and on-shift record books as well as other controls dealing with the use of improperly maintained equipment underground. Trial of this case is continued generally pending the filing of various discovery motions.
- 3. CRIMINAL United States v. Clinchfield Coal Company and Eleven corporate agents and employees This is a ninety-two count indictment charging a subsidiary of the Nation's seventh largest coal company and the State of Virginia's second largest company, with violation of Title 30, United States Code, Coal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, involving an alleged scheme to take fraudulent and inaccurate samples of the amount of respirable dust in the miners' atmosphere, as well as multiple counts charging forgery of portions of the mine data cards relating to the respirable dust samples and multiple counts of mail fraud involving the mailing to MSHA of said inaccurate samples and forged mine data cards. In addition, there are felony counts dealing with the knowing issuance of falsely made training certificates and misrepresentation of the mine record books as well as violations surrounding an injury to a miner as a result of operating defective equipment. Trial is scheduled for December 1, 1980, in Abingdon, Virginia.
- 4. CRIMINAL <u>United States</u> v. <u>Jack Carlisle</u> A three count indictment charging a check kiting conspiracy utilizing Title 18, United States Code, Section 1014 involving two checks in the amount of \$20,000 and \$10,000 presented to the Lee Bank and Trust Company, Pennington Gap, Va. Prior to the conviction Carlisle was granted a judgment of acquittal on another check kiting indictment. A third indictment has been nolle prossed. An appeal has been noted in this case presenting the Fourth Circuit with its first opportunity to rule on the propriety of using Title 18, United States Code, Section 1014 in check kiting situations.
- 5. CRIMINAL <u>United States</u> v. <u>William P. McPhilamy</u>, <u>Jr. A</u> twenty-one count indictment to which McPhilamy plead nolo contendere to one count of "Kline Conspiracy" to obstruct the due collection of taxes. One count of submitting a false income tax return. The conspiracy involving the preparation of thirty tax returns for partners in purported limited tax shelter partnership scheme. Close to one million dollars in losses was reported as tax deductions depriving the United States of \$244,901.27 tax revenue.

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COMMENDATIONS

Assistant United States Attorney GAIL THERESA BARDACH, Southern District of Indiana, has been commended by William H. Webster, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for her successful prosecution of a trust officer of the Indiana National Bank and a Marion County state representative, who was also an Indianapolis Municipal Court Judge.

Assistant United States Attorney WILLIAM H. BRIGGS, JR., District of Columbia, has been commended by Jacques V. Hopkins on behalf of the Port Authority of the State of Rhode Island, for his successful defense of a request for a temporary restraining order which would have prohibited the transfer of federal property to the State of Rhode Island.

Assistant United States Attorney ED ENNIS, Middle District of Georgia, has been commended by The Honorable George Busbee, Governor of the State of Georgia, for his excellent presentation on the trial of a recent RICO case at the conference of investigation and prosecution under the Georgia RICO Act.

Assistant United States Attorney CHARLES FLYNN, District of Columbia, has been commended by Peter G. Powers, General Counsel of the Smithsonian Institute, for his excellent representation and eventual dismissal in the case of Santoro v. United States of America.

Assistant United States Attorney PATRICIA KENNEY, District of Columbia, has been commended by Barbara J. Kelley, General Counsel of ACTION, for outstanding service and successful representation of ACTION in Manville v. ACTION, et al.

Assistant United States Attorney JOHN S. PYLE, Northern District of Ohio, has been commended by Edward D. Conroy, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Cleveland Ohio, for his recent participation in the Bureau's Arson-For-Profit Seminar.

Assistant United States Attorney STEVEN N. SNYDER, Western District of Arkansas has been commended by William E. Kell, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Little Rock, Arkansas, for his excellent prosecution of George Alvin Bruton for assault on a Federal officer and being a felon in possession of firearms.

Assistant United States Attorney ROBERT S. STUBBS, Western District of Virginia, has been commended by William H. Webster, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for his fine prosecutive efforts in the case of Jack Carlisle.

Special Attorneys GERALD A. TONER and JAMES SILVERWOOD, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, District of Columbia, have been commended by Robert D. Kingsland, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, for their assistance to the U.S. Attorneys Office in St. Louis, Missouri in conducting an investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney E. MONTGOMERY TUCKER, Western District of Virginia, has been commended by Larry L. Hakel, Chief Park Ranger of the Shenandoah National Park and by Robert R. Jacobsen, Superintendant of the Shenandoah National Park Service, for his work in preparing and successfully trying an important civil case involving the defense of park rangers.

Assistant United States Attorney JACK C. WONG, District of Oregon, has been commended by Jerry N. Jenson, Regional Director of the Drug Enforcement Administration in Los Angeles, California, for his superior prosecutive achievement in the case of <u>United States</u> v. <u>Irving Brown</u>, et al.

Assistant United States Attorney LAWRENCE J. ZWEIFACH and Chief of the Criminal Division LAURENCE I. SILVERMAN, Eastern District of New York, have been commended by Michael J. Lonergan, Regional Inspector General for Investigations of the Department of Agriculture in New York, for their total commitment, dedication and professional guidance in the investigation and indictment against the Joseph Morton Company, Inc. and others.

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POINTS TO REMEMBER

Attorney General Order 903-80
"Proceedings before United States Magistrates"

On July 21, 1980 the Attorney General issued Order No. 903-80, entitled "Proceedings before United States Magistrates." The order sets forth recent amendments to the statutes governing the activities of United States magistrates (28 U.S.C. 631 et seq., 18 U.S.C. 3401, 3402) which have clarified and expanded United States magistrates' authority to act in civil and criminal cases. The order is intended to guide the legal divisions of the Department of Justice and United States Attorneys in handling civil and criminal proceedings subject to the jurisdiction of magistrates. Policies delineated are pertinent to: (1) civil pretrial and trial jurisdiction; (2) appeal in civil cases; and (3) removal of a misdemeanor from the magistrates jurisdiction. (This order will be published in the United States Attorneys' Manual in Title 1, chapter 13.)

Part 52, entitled "Proceedings before United States Magistrates" has been added to Title 28 of Code of Federal Regulations. Sections 636(b) and (c) of Title 28 govern pretrial and case dispositive civil jurisdiction of magistrates, as well as service by magistrates as special masters.

With the consent of the parties, a judge may designate a magistrate to serve as special master in any civil case without regard to the limitations of Rule 53 (b), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

A judge of the district court, without the parties' consent, may designate a magistrate to hear and determine civil pretrial matters pending before the court, except for six named classes of motions; as to the latter, the magistrate may conduct a hearing and recommend a decision to the judge. 28 U.S.C. 636 (b) (1) (A), (B).

Upon the consent of the parties, a magistrate may conduct any or all proceedings in a jury or non-jury civil matter and order the entry of judgment in the case, when specially designated to exercise such jurisdiction by the court. 28 U.S.C. 636 (c) (1). It is the policy of the Department of Justice to encourage the use of magistrates to assist the district courts in resolving civil disputes.

In determining whether to consent to having an appeal taken to the district court rather than to the court of appeals, the attorney for the government should consider all relevant factors. In making a determination, the attorney shall consult with the appropriate Assistant Attorney General having supervisory authority over the subject matter in determining whether to consent to a trial before a magistrate or to an appeal to the district court rather than the court of appeals.

A judge of the district court, without the parties' consent, may designate a magistrate to hear and determine criminal pretrial matters pending before the court, except for two named classes of motions; as to the latter, the magistrate may conduct a hearing and recommend a decision to the judge. 28 U.S.C. 636 (b) (1) (A), (B).

When specially designated by the court to exercise such jurisdiction, a magistrate may try and impose sentence for, any misdemeanor if he has properly and fully advised the defendant that he has a right to elect "trial, judgment, and sentencing by a judge of the district court and... may have a right to trial by jury before a district judge or magistrate," and has obtained the defendant's written consent to be tried by a magistrate. 18 U.S.C. 3401 (a), (b). The court may order that proceedings be conducted before a district judge rather than a magistrate upon its own motion or, for good cause shown upon petition by the attorney for the government.

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Privacy Act - Discovery Proceedings

Assistant U.S. Attorneys are reminded that the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) provides that "no agency shall disclose any record which is contained in a system of records by any means of communication to any person, or to another agency, except pursuant to a written request by, or with the prior written consent of, the individual to whom the record pertains . . . " except in certain situations. 5 U.S.C. 552a(b). last of those certain situations enumerated in the Act, (b)(11), permits disclosure of a record "pursuant to the order of a court of competent jurisdiction." Please note that it is the Department's policy that the mere issuance in discovery proceedings of a subpoena, which is always subject to the power of the court to quash or limit, does not meet the standard of (b)(11). In order to come within the Privacy Act exception permitting disclosure the court must specifically direct that the specific records in question be disclosed. See United States v. Brown, 562 F2d 1144 (9th Cir. 1978) and Stiles v. Atlanta Gas Light Company, 453 Fed. Supp. 798 (1978).

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New Economic Crime Enforcement Units

The Criminal Division's Office of Economic Crime Enforcement has immediate openings for attorneys with a minimum of three years of active federal criminal prosecutorial experience in Miami/Tampa, Florida; Alexandria, Virginia; St. Louis, Missouri; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Wichita, Kansas.

After a six-month period devoted to establishing contacts, gathering and assessing information about the nature and level of local economic crime, and reviewing pending cases and matters, Economic Crime Enforcement Specialists prepare district reports about those findings and make recommendations to the United States Attorney for the establishment of district priorities consistent with the Attorney General's national white collar crime strategy. Thereafter, specialists become active members of the Economic Crime Enforcement Unit in an office; that is, they will become directly involved in the investigation and litigation of priority matters. However, contrary to an Assistant United States Attorney, a specialist remains primarily program oriented in addition to working on cases. Thus, the specialist's case load is less than that of an Assistant, thereby permitting a specialist time to carry out the other aspects of his or her role.

For more information or to apply please contact Donald Foster, Director, Office of Economic Crime Enforcement, Room 1030 Federal Triangle Building, Washington, D.C. 20530, (FTS) 724-7021.

(Criminal Division)

Litigation Against The United States By Cuban Entrants

The Deputy Attorney General wants to be kept apprised of any litigation brought against the United States by Cuban Entrants being held in federal prisons. United States Attorneys are requested to send promptly a copy of the pleadings in any such litigation to Jane E. Genster, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Room 4216, Washington, D.C. 20530.

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CIVIL DIVISION Assistant Attorney General Alice Daniel

Susan and Andrew Giza v. Secretary of HEW, No. 80-1080 (September 3, 1980) D.J. 145-16-1337

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT; FEDERAL/STATE
COMITY; COMPULSION OF AGENCY OFFICIAL
TESTIMONY: FIRST CIRCUIT AFFIRMS DISTRICT
COURT REFUSAL TO ENFORCE A STATE COURT
SUBPOENA FOR THE TESTIMONY OF AN FDA
OFFICIAL AS AN EXPERT WITNESS IN PRIVATE
STATE COURT LITIGATION

A husband and wife sued the Ortho Pharmaceutical Company in Massachusets state court for the "wrongful birth" of their child after the wife became pregnant while using the birth control pill "Modicon", which was manufactured by Ortho and subsequently recalled from the market at the request of the FDA. In response to a FOIA request, the plaintiffs obtained FDA documents regarding the recall, but their request to depose FDA employees about Modicon was blocked by an agency regulation (like that in U.S. ex rel. Touhy v. Regan, 340 U.S. 462 (1951) prohibiting employees from testifying in private litigation). Plaintiffs then brought this suit in federal district court in Massachusetts seeking an order under the FOIA or under the court's 28 U.S.C. 1361 mandamus jurisdiction directing the FDA to make employees available to testify at deposition "concerning the matters involved in plaintiff's state court action." Plaintiffs focused their efforts on obtaining the testimony of Dr. Finkel, an FDA official involved in the Modicon recall, and they subsequently obtained an order from the Massachusetts state court authorizing issuance of a subpoena requiring Dr. Finkel to testify at a deposition in Maryland. (The subpoena itself was never actually issued.) Plaintiffs then requested the district court to compel Dr. Finkel's testimony at deposition as a matter of comity.

The court of appeals agreed with the district court that the FOIA provided no basis for compelling testimony to explain and amplify the released FDA documents, and that mandamus did not lie because Dr. Finkel owed the plaintiffs no duty to testify. The court also found no basis for placing an affirmative obligation on, and vesting jurisdiction in, a federal court to enforce a state court subpoena (particularly where the subpoena has been authorized but not issued). Finally, the court expressed no view as to when, if ever, it

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would be appropriate for a federal district court to compel the testimony of a federal officer who has been instructed by the head of his or her executive department not to testify.

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Kenney v. Federal Bureau of Investigation, No. 79-6267 (September 3, 1980) D.J. # 145-12-2953

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT: THE

SECOND CIRCUIT HOLDS THAT A LOCAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY BE A CONFIDENTIAL
SOURCE WITHINTHE MEANING OF EXEMPTION
7 (D) OF FOIA

This case involves a FOIA request by a former SDS leader. The FBI released 35 documents to him, but deleted certain segments of some of the documents pursuant to FOIA exemptions. The issue on this appeal was whether the district court erred in ruling that a local law enforcement agency could not be a confidential source within the meaning of Exemption 7(D) and, hence, that the FBI could not withhold any information received from local law enforcement agencies pursuant to Exemption 7(D). The Second Circuit reversed, joining the D.C., 4th, 7th, and 9th Circuits in holding that a local law enforcement agency may be a confidential source. The court remanded the case for further proceedings, stating that whether or not information was furnished by a local agency in the express or implied understanding that it was to be kept confidential was a question of fact to be determined with respect to each FOIA request.

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Shell Oil Co. v. Dept. of Energy, No. 79-2119 (September 8, 1980) D.J. # 146-18-57-835

TRADE SECRETS ACT; INTERAGENCY TRANSFER
OF OIL COMPANY FINANCIAL INFORMATION:
THIRD CIRCUIT UPHOLDS DOE'S COLLECTION
OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION FROM ENERGY
PRODUCING COMPANIES AND DOE'S TRANSFER
OF SUCH DATA TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND
FTC

In this case, eight oil companies challenged the authority of the Department of Energy to collect from energy producing companies, under an annual reporting requirement,

financial information relevant to the antitrust enforcement responsibilities of the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission. Plaintiffs also challenged the authority of the Energy Department and FTC, arguing that such transfers violate the Trade Secrets Act. The district court upheld both the reporting requirement and the interagency transfer of the reported information. The Third Circuit has affirmed, holding that the Energy Department has authority under the energy statutes to collect information relevant to competition in the energy producing industry, and also has statutory authority (within the Trade Secrets Act exception) to transfer such information to the Justice Department and FTC for antitrust enforcement purposes.

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Heusle v. National Mutual Insurance Company, Nos. 79-2483, 79-2690, 80-1072 (August 25, 1980) D.J. # 77-63-519) and Holman v. United States and Prudential Property and Casualty Insurance Company, Nos. 79-2349, 79-2612 (August 25, 1980) D.J. # 77-01)

FEDERAL MEDICAL CARE RECOVERY ACT; NO-FAULT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE: THIRD CIRCUIT HOLDS THAT PENNSYLVANIA MOTOR VEHICLE NO-FAULT INSURANCE ACT DENIES UNITED STATES RIGHT TO RECOVER COSTS OF MEDICAL CARE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF ARMED SERVICES

The Federal Medical Care Recovery Act (MCRA) gives the United States the right to recover the cost of medical care provided to members of the armed services who are injured "under circumstances creating tort liability" upon some third party. The Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle No-Fault Insurance Act provides that the victim's no-fault insurance carrier is responsible for all medical expenses but that the tortfeasor remains liable for pain and suffering and other damages above certain statutory limits.

In these two cases, plaintiffs, active duty members of the armed services, were seriously injured by third parties. The plaintiffs settled with the tortfeasors for the elements of damages other than medical expenses. Since the United States had provided medical care to both plaintiffs, it sought to recover the cost of that care from the party the state had made financially responsible for medical costs, the no-fault insurer.

The Third Circuit affirmed both district courts, holding that the effect of the Pennsylvania No-Fault law is to abolish tort liability for medical expenses. Since the MCRA bases the government's right to recover on tort liability, there is no longer a right to recover under the MCRA in Pennsylvania. The court also held that the government cannot sue the tortfeasor and cannot claim any of the proceeds of settlement between plaintiff and tortfeasor since none of that amount is for medical expenses. Finally, the Third Circuit rejected the government's claim to be an "insured" or a third party beneficiary of the no-fault insurance agreement.

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Perkins v. Harris; Peaks v. Harris, Nos. 79-1071, 1112, 1113
(August 19, 1980) D.J. # 146-18-57-835

BLACK LUNG BENEFITS ACT ATTORNEYS' FEES:
FOURTH CIRCUIT IMPOSES BURDEN ON SECRETARY
TO MEANINGFULLY ASSIST DISTRICT COURT IN
DETERMINING APPROPRIATE ATTORNEY'S FEES
UNDER THE BLACK LUNG BENEFITS ACT

In a lengthy unpublished decision, the Fourth Circuit, in these consolidated cases, upheld the district court's unexplained attorney's fee awards amounting to approximately 25% of the Black Lung claimants' past-due benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act (which sets a 25% ceiling on such awards). While the Court agreed with us that the Secretary has standing to contest fee awards under the Act and that the district court in setting awards is required to make specific findings with respect to the factors relevant to the amount of reasonable attorney's fees as set forth in Johnson v. Georgia Highway Express, Inc., 288 F.2d 714 (5th Cir. 1974), it excused the district court's failure to make such findings here because the "Secretary made virtually no effort to assist the district court in the exercise of its discretion . . . her attorney did not call any witnesses, he conducted no cross-examination, and he presented virtually no argument to the court . . . The Secretary did nothing to establish that the district court failed to give due weight to each factor. She, therefore, may not be heard to complain and seek reversal when her counsel's own inaction was a primary cause for any insufficiency in the manner in which the court's conclusions were expressed. The decision thus puts the Secretary on notice that she must render more than pro forma opposition below to requested attorney's fees, or be precluded from contesting the fees on appeal. HHS believes the decision is on balance helpful because it

strongly affirms HHS' role in the determination of attorney's fees in Black Lung cases.

(On cross-appeal, plaintiffs' counsel also argued that the statutory fee limits of the Act are inapplicable as a retroactive interference with contracts in cases where a contingent fee contract had been entered into prior to the effective date of the statute. Accepting our argument, the Fourth Circuit rejected this contention where, as here, fees for court representation were involved. It declined, as unnecessary, to expressly decide whether "retroactivity" would bar the Secretary from applying the Act to fees for administrative representation thereby declining to decide whether Watson v. Secretary of HEW, 562 F.2d 386 (6th Cir. 1977), which held that "retroactivity" would bar application of the Act to administrative attorney's fees where a fee contract had been entered into prior to the effective date of the Act, was correctly decided.)

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Harold H. Emch, Jr. v. United States, No. 79-2243 (September 12, 1980) D.J. # 157-85-233

FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT: SEVENTH
CIRCUIT AFFIRMS DISTRICT COURT'S
DISMISSAL OF CLAIM OF NEGLIGENT
BANK SUPERVISION AS BARRED BY
"DISCRETIONARY FUNCTION" EXCEPTION
OF FTCA

American City Bank was declared insolvent by the Comptroller of the Currency and taken over by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). As a result, plaintiff's shares of stock in the parent bank holding company became worthless. He sued under the Federal Tort Claims Act, alleging that the Comptroller, the Federal Reserve Board, and the FDIC had been negligent "at the operational level" in the regulation and examination of the Bank. The district court dismissed the complaint as barred by the "discretionary function" exception to the FTCA, holding that despite the allegations of operational negligence, the gravamen of the complaint was negligent administration, regulation and supervision of the Bank. The court also denied a motion to amend the complaint.

On appeal the Bank contended that it was entitled to an opportunity to establish negligence by government agents, in the day-to-day operations of the Bank as was held in <u>In Re Franklin National Bank Securities Litigation</u>, 445 F. Supp.

723 (E.D. N.Y. 1978). The Court of Appeals rejected this contention, agreeing with the District Court that the allegations of the complaint and the previously filed administrative claims (which would have limited the scope of any amended complaint) failed to raise claims of operational level negligence.

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has advised us that this decision will be helpful in disposing of a plethora of cases alleging "operational" negligence spawned by Franklin National Bank that are now being handled in administrative channels.

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Ellis Fischell State Cancer Hospital v. Marshall, No. 79-1771 (September 11, 1980) D.J. # 170-16-184)

ELEVENTH AMENDMENT APPLICATION TO FEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS: EIGHTH CIRCUIT AFFIRMS REINSTATEMENT AND BACK PAY ORDER AGAINST STATE HOSPITAL THAT DISMISSED EMPLOYEE FOR REPORTING VIOLATION TO THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

42 U.S.C. 5851 protects employees of Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensees from being discharged or discriminated against for reporting violations of atomic-energy statutes or regulations. Complaints are heard by the Secretary of Labor, with review in the court of appeals for the circuit in which the violation occurred.

In 1978, following his report to the NRC that radioactive material had improperly been left implanted in a
patient when she was discharged from the Ellis Fischell
State Cancer Hospital, Dr. Clifford Richter, the chief
medical physicist, was re-organized out of a job. The
Secretary ordered reinstatement with back pay. The hospital,
a Missouri instrumentality, sought review on the grounds
that the evidence did not support the Secretary's findings
and that the Eleventh Amendment barred relief. The Eighth
Circuit has held that the evidence, although circumstantial,
supported the findings; that the Eleventh Amendment does not
apply to federal administrative proceedings, even though
they were instigated by an individual's complaint against

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his own state; and that questions of the Amendment's application in any future enforcement proceedings were premature.

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SELECTED CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 17, 1980 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1980

Telecommunications. On September 16, 1980, Sanford M. Litvack, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, testified before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Monopolies and Commercial Law on H.R. 6121, Telecommunications Act of 1980.

Antitrust Procedural Improvements. The President signed S. 390 (Antitrust Procedural Improvements Act) on September 12, 1980.

Regulatory Reform. On September 17, the House Judiciary Committee resumed consideration of H.R. 3263, the regulatory reform proposal. The first matter to be considered, the latest "Bumpers amendment" language, passed overwhelmingly by voice vote, with only Congressman Drinan vocally opposed. A Danielson/Kindness substitute for the two House veto provision already in the bill was also adopted by voice vote. (Since Congressman Danielson has already agreed, in response to a request from Congressman Levitas, to request an open rule — thereby permitting Levitas to attempt to amend the Committee bill to include a traditional one-House veto device — chances are good that, assuming the bill gets to the House floor, it will emerge from the House with a Levitas veto provision.)

Markup concluded on September 18, when the bill was ordered favorably reported with only Conyers, Holtzman and Drinan recorded in opposition.

Legislative Veto. On September 18, John Harmon, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel testified before the Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee of the House Education and Labor Committee. He discussed the unconstitutionality of the legislative veto device, and the Attorney General's recent opinion on this subject to HHS Secretary Hufstedler, who will also appear. The entire Education and Labor Committee was invited to participate in the hearing.

Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit/Judicial Discipline. On September 15, under suspension of the rules, both H.R. 3806 (Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit Act) and H.R. 7974 (dealing with judicial discipline) passed the House. Neither bill received any adverse comment and both passed by voice vote. There are indications that there may be complications in obtaining final enactment of these matters. Both come from the same subcommittes — House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties and the Administration of Justice and Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Improvements in Judicial Machinery.

Bilingual Courts. At the September 17 Executive Session of the Senate Judiciary Committee, H.R. 5563, the bilingual courts bill, was held over until the next meeting. Although that meeting is scheduled for

September 24, a quorum may be unlikely and thus the bill may well be dead for the 96th Congress. Apparently a problem developed with respect to Puerto Rican statehood and, although Mr. Corrada, Puerto Rican commissioner, convinced Senator Simpson to withdraw an amendment on that matter, other Republican Senators balked.

D.C. Transfer Bill. The House District of Columbia Subcommittee on Judiciary, Manpower and Education held a hearing on H.R. 7988, the D.C. Transfer Bill on September 23, 1980. The Attorney General, Benjamin Civiletti, accompanied by Charles Ruff, U.S. Attorney for D.C. and Jerome Bullock, U.S. Marshall for D.C. testified.

Parental Kidnapping. The Senate-House Conference on Domestic Violence agreed to a compromise on the Parental Kidnapping Amendment which was attached to the bill. The Conferees agreed not to create a new parental kidnapping federal offense or specifically include child snatching in UFAP. The Conferees did, however, adopt the Full, Faith and Credit provisions and in report language disapproved of the Department's policy to limit application of 18 U.S.C. 1073 to parental kidnapping cases only where serious physical danger to the child can be shown. The Congress also declared its intent that section 1073 apply to cases involving parental kidnapping and interstate flight to avoid prosecution under applicable State felony statutes.

Appropriation Bills. At the request of the Office of Management and Budget, the Department commented on several amendments to the HHS/Labor and the Treasury/Postal Service Appropriation bills. These amendments are:

- (1) Representative Ashbrook's amendment to preclude any funds to be expended pursuant to an Order of any Court of the United States that would compel expenditure of funds that is prohibited by the Appropriations Act.
 - (2) Representative Levitas' legislative veto amendment.
- (3) Representative McDade's amendment which would preclude the expenditure of funds for the purpose of transmitting or calculating by the Executive Branch the number of Representatives allocated to each state by the 1980 Census.

The Department has serious reservations concerning all these amendments.

Household Goods. S. 1798, which passed the Senate, has been passed by the House Public Works and Transportation Committee. The bill creates new dispute resolution mechanisms and civil penalties for violations which actually cause harm to the consumer. Unfortunately, Rep. Levitas attached a legislative veto at the markup. Since the Senate version does not contain a legislative veto, there is a possibility that it may be deleted in the conference committee.

Intelligence Identities Protection Act. On September 17, the Senate Judiciary Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2216, the proposed Intelligence Identities Protection Act by a unanimous vote. However, the unanimity of the Committee was a bit misleading. Some members expressed misgivings about the measure but voted to report it out in order to meet a deadline imposed under the terms of the sequential referral which brought the bill before the Committee. Undoubtedly Senators DeConcini, Simpson and others will offer floor amendments, notwithstanding their votes to report the bill out.

At the September 17 markup, the Committee adopted by a 10-6 vote an amendment to section 501(c) to strike the words "intended to identify and expose covert agents," and to substitute "undertaken for the purpose of uncovering the identities of covert agents and exposing such identities." Although the Department had concluded that the amendment would not change the intent or effect of the provision, most Committee Republicans suspected that the change would provide an unqualified exemption to prosecution on the basis of mere republication.

The Committee also adopted an amendment excluding any disclosure from the ambit of the bill if such disclosure "is an integral part of another activity such as news reporting of intelligence failures or abuses, academic study of Government policies and programs, enforcement by a private organization of its internal rules and regulations, or other activities protected by the First Amendment..." (8-6 vote)

By an 8-6 vote the Committee excluded the Peace Corps, AID, and the International Communication Agency from the requirement in section 503(a) that any department or agency designated by the President provide assistance in maintaining the secrecy of agents 'identities.

Finally, the Committee adopted, by a unanimous voice vote, a provision for prospective judicial review of the constitutionality of the bill at the behest of "any interested party, including any news organization or any person who intends to disclose any information identifying an individual as a covert agent to any individual not authorized to receive classified information..."

The votes on the disputed amendments went along party lines with the Republicans opposing (with the exception of Senator Mathias) and the Democrats favoring (with the exception of Senator Culver).

Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. On September 23, by voice vote, the House Judiciary Committee ordered favorably reported to the full House H.R. 7665, to split the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. The bill will now proceed to the suspension calendar.

Similar legislation has already passed the Senate.

Butner, N.C. Federal Correctional Institution. The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties and the Administration of Justice has approved for full Committee action a clean bill on federal court reorganization. The clean bill, H.R. 8178, was approved by the full Committee on September 24 and should easily pass the House. Included is the Department's suggested title 28 amendment to include the federal correctional institution at Butner, N.C. within one (rather than the current two) judicial districts.

It is our understanding that the Senate will concur in the House bill.

Attorney Fees. By a vote of 24 to 3 (Danielson, Drinan, Conyers against) the House Judiciary Committee ordered favorably reported to the full House S. 265, the "Equal Access to Justice Act." An effort by Congressman Danielson to substitute the Department's "unreasonable" standard for the bill's "substantially justified" standard failed by voice vote; social security cases were restored to coverage under the bill at the court level, also by voice vote; and a Kindness amendment to shift funding from the judgment fund to the agency's budget failed by vote of 17 to 9. Supporters expect the bill to receive suspension calendar consideration.

We are relatively confident that Senate supporters - a similar bill passed the Senate 94 to 3 -- will be willing to accept the relatively minor differences and will send the bill to the President before the recess.

Government Patent Policy. Acting under a sequential referral, the House Government Operations Subcommittee on Legislation and National Security, on September 18, favorably reported H.R. 6933 to the full Committee. An amendment offered by Chairman Brooks deleting the provision establishing an independent Patent and Trademark Office was adopted. This provision had been strongly opposed by the Department of Commerce.

A Brooks amendment to strike sections 6 and 7 of the bill which would establish a system for granting exclusive patent rights to government contractors was defeated by a vote of 4 to 3. The amendment, if adopted, would have gutted the uniform government patent policy provisions of the bill.

At the full Committee markup on September 23, Congressman Brooks offered an amendment to delete those government patent policy provisions that grant exclusive licenses to large business contractors (leaving the provisions which grant title to universities and small business intact). This amendment was defeated by a vote of 23 to 9.

The Administration supports the uniform system for allocation of patent rights to government-funded inventions established by the bill.

Stanford Daily. H.R. 3486 was passed under suspension of the rules by the House on Monday, September 22, with a committee amendment deleting the controversial title III which the Department opposed and substituting a provision requiring the Attorney General to issue guidelines on the use of search warrants against innocent third parties. The language of the compromise is very similar to the guidelines language in the Senate bill and was approved by the Attorney General.

Conference with the Senate is expected to produce a bill with the House guidelines provision, the Senate remedies provision with punitive damages against the government deleted, and a section preventing the use of the exclusionary rule in cases where the Act is violated.

Office of Alien Property. The House Foreign Affairs Committee on September 24, reported out the bill H.R. 7729 which would close the Office of Alien Property and transfer all remaining funds to the Treasury. The bill also authorizes a \$20,000 payment to Switzerland in settlement, without prejudice to either nation's legal position, of outstanding war claims. Efforts are now being made to place the bill on the suspension calendar. The Senate is then expected to take the bill up and pass it immediately.

Motor Vehicle Theft. On September 24, 1980 the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee continued markup of H.R. 4178, the Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Markup will continue on September 25, 1980. The Committee has already amended the bill to include a legislative veto provision for regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Transportation and are currently debating a sunset provision.

Amendments to 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code. On September 17, 1980 Senator Chiles attached to the Senate Tressury-Postal Service Appropriations bill provisions authorizing IRS to go to court to get non-tax related crime information released to the Department of Justice. The provision goes further than the Nunn-Administration proposals currently before the Senate Finance Committee. Senate floor action is anticipated on September 26, 1980.

Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. Senate Judiciary Committee action on Senator Kennedy's bill to amend the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure has been shelved by Senator Laxalt. Any action by the House or Senate on their respective bills to amend the Federal Criminal Rules as proposed by the Judicial Conference will have to wait until the lame-duck session in mid-November. If congressional action is not forthcoming, the rules automatically go into effect December 1, 1980.

U.S. Postal Service Subject to Certain Provisions of OSHA. H.R. 826, which would, in part, subject the Postal Service to certain provisions of OSHA, is no longer scheduled for Senate floor action. The bill would adversely affect Department of Justice litigating authority.

Railroad Deregulation. The Senate and House versions of the Railroad Deregulation legislation have now gone to conference. One of the amendments to the House bill placed the Attorney General on the Board of Directors of the United States Railway Association. This was a Department supported measure because of the extensive litigation which the USRA is presently involved in. For reasons which are unclear, the Senate is apparently against this provision.

Custom Court. On Monday, September 22, 1980, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 7440, the Custom Courts Act of 1980 under suspension of the rules. This is a Department bill which creates a comprehensive system

of judicial review of civil actions arising out of import transactions and the Federal statutes affecting international trade.

There is one troubling aspect to the bill as passed. The legislation requires a political affiliation test in the selection of the court's judges. This was the provision which was successfully deleted at the markup at the full Judiciary Committee. In order for the bill to go onto the suspension calendar, it was necessary to reinsert the political affiliation test. Without the bill going onto the suspension calendar, passage this session was unlikely. The same problem appeared on September 23, 1980 when the bill reached the Senate. The Senate passed the bill with the political affiliation test remaining. Because the bill contains numerous provisions which the Department has strongly supported, Presidential approval is expected.

Nominations. On September 26, 1980, the United States Senate confirmed the nominations of:

Myron H. Thompson, to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

Mack A. Backhaus, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Nebraska.

On September 17, 1980, the Senate Judiciary Committee reported the nominations of:

Blandina C. Ramirez, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission on Civil Rights, Brian P. Joffrion, to be U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Louisiana, Harry A. Scarr, of Virginia, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Hipolito F. Garcia, to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Texas, George Howard, Jr., to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas, Susan C. Getzendanner, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Charles P. Kocoras, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Consuelo B. Marshall, to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California, David V. Kenyon, to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California, James H. Michael, Jr., to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richard L. Williams, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Norman P. Ramsey, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Maryland, and Richard C. Erwin, to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

On September 17, 1980, the United States Senate received the following nominations:

Myron H. Thompson, to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

Ralph W. Nimmons, Jr., to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Israel L. Glasser, and Philip Weinberg, each to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Dorothy Sellers, and Ricardo M. Urbina, each to an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

On September 23, 1980, the United States Senate received the following nominations:

Brian P. Joffrion, of Louisiana, to be U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Louisiana.

Harry A. Scarr, of Virginia, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

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Federal Rules of Evidence

Rule 412. Rape Cases; Relevance of Victim's Past Behavior.

Defendant appealed his conviction of forcible rape, contending, inter alia, that the trial judge erred in denying defense motion for a psychiatric examination of the complainant. The trial judge denied the motion on the basis that requiring a psychiatric examination would violate the spirit of Rule 412, and the defendant contended that any reliance on Rule 412 was legal error.

The Court noted that Rule 412 is specifically addressed to evidence of a rape victim's prior sexual conduct, whereas defendant's motion was not an attempt to introduce such evidence, but an effort to obtain an expert opinion regarding the complainant's general ability to perceive reality and separate fact from fantasy. The Court went on to note, however, that the trial judge's ruling was based not on the letter but the spirit of Rule 412, and, noting that the rationale of Rule 412 is to prevent the victim, rather than the defendant, from being put on trial, concluded that the trial judge did not abuse his discretion in relying upon this "spirt" of Rule 412 in denying the defense motion for a psychiatric examination of the complainant.

(Affirmed.)

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^{*}Due to the numerous obsolete pages contained in transmittals 1-30, the Manual Staff has consolidated all the current material into 7 transmittals. The transmittals numbered 31-37 are a consolidation of transmittals 1-30 and anyone requesting Title 9 for the first time from hereon will receive only transmittals 31-37. Then all Title 9 holders received No. 38.

Administrative Misconduct Proceedings

The Attorney General sent the following memorandum to the heads of all Departments and Agencies in the Executive Branch. It provides guidelines for personnel officials and staff members concerning procedures to be followed in administrative investigations of certain employee misconduct. This memorandum was developed as a result of inquiries from a number of federal agencies. It supplements a May 4, 1976 memorandum from then Attorney General Edward H. Levi on the same subject.

The memorandum has been added to the back of the Bulletin as an appendix so that it can be removed and circulated.

MEMORANDUM TO THE HEADS OF ALL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The purpose of this communication is to provide guidance concerning the necessity of giving warnings to the subject of administrative misconduct proceedings, the form which such warnings should take, and the need to coordinate with the Criminal Division certain actions that may impact adversely on the prosecution of criminal cases arising out of the same or parallel facts. This communication is intended to supplement former Attorney General Edward H. Levi's Memorandum of May 4, 1976 to the heads of all departments and agencies concerning the implementation of the reporting requirements of 28 U.S.C. 535.

Statements made by Federal employees during administrative misconduct proceedings frequently have substantial value as evidence in criminal prosecutions arising from the activity which led up to the administrative misconduct proceeding. On the other hand, actions taken by an agency during an administrative misconduct proceeding may impede the ability of the Department of Justice to prosecute criminal offenses arising out of the same underlying facts. It is important, therefore, that steps be taken to assure that statements made in the course of administrative misconduct proceedings are obtained through procedures that are consistent with the

Fifth Amendment protection against compulsory self-incrimination. Similarly, it is imperative that whenever a Department or Agency considers it necessary to obtain or induce the cooperation of their employees in administrative misconduct proceedings through procedures that may adversely affect the ability of the Department of Justice to discharge its paramount criminal law enforcement obligations, such procedures be coordinated beforehand with the Department of Justice.

1. Most administrative misconduct hearings involve situations where, under agency regulations, an employee is merely provided an opportunity to respond to questions concerning job-related misconduct. However, on occasion the cooperation of an employee in an administrative proceeding is deemed essential enough that the employee should be required to answer questions concerning his job-related misconduct or face dismissal for not cooperating. In this latter situation, any statement which the employee provides concerning job-related misconduct would be considered "compelled" for Fifth Amendment purposes, and as a result those statements and their evidentiary leads would not be admissible as evidence at a subsequent criminal prosecution of the employee. Garrity v. New Jersey, 385 U.S. 493 (1967). However, where an employee is merely afforded an opportunity to respond to a charge of misconduct, any statements made by him would not

be "compelled" for Fifth Amendment purposes, and such statements could be used in the preparation and prosecution of related criminal offenses provided other coercion was not present. See e.g.,

O'Toole v. Scafati, 386 F.2d 168 (1st Cir. 1967), cert. denied,

390 U.S. 985 (1968); Terry v. United States, 499 F.2d 695 (Ct. Cl. 1974).

In view of these considerations, I have decided that the following warnings should be given whenever a Federal employee is requested to provide evidence on a voluntary basis in connection with administrative misconduct proceedings. The purpose of these warnings is to prevent those providing statements from subsequently attempting to prevent their use by the Department of Justice in criminal litigation:

- - You have a right to remain silent if your answers may tend to incriminate you.
- --- Anything you say may be used as evidence both in an administrative proceeding or any future criminal proceeding involving you.
- - If you refuse to answer the questions posed to you on the ground that the answers may tend to incriminate you, you cannot be discharged solely for remaining silent. However, your silence can be considered in an administrative proceeding for its evidentiary value that is warranted by the facts surrounding your case.1/

^{1/} See, e.g. Baxter v. Palmingo, 425 U.S. 308 (1975).

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These warnings should be administered prior to questioning or taking a statement from an employee, and an appropriate record made of this fact.2/

In those exceptional circumstances where it is considered necessary or desirable to require employees to respond to questions concerning misconduct or face loss of employment, the Supreme Court has held that a termination may not be predicated solely upon a refusal to answer questions through an assertion of the Fifth Amendment privilege. Gardner v. Broderick, 392 U.S. 273 (1968); or because the employee refused to waive his Fifth Amendment rights, Sanitation Men v. Sanitation Commissioner, 392 U.S. 280 (1968). However, an employee may be dismissed for refusing in an administrative proceeding to answer specific, direct and narrow questions relating to the performance of official duties, when doing so will not result in the deprivation of Fifth Amendment This state of affairs is confined for all practical purposes to those situations where the employee being interviewed has been provided with an express assurance that his answers will not be used against him in a criminal proceeding -- a result tantamount to granting the employee "use immunity". Garrity v. New Jersey,

^{2/} If the employee being questioned is employed in a bargaining unit with respect to which a labor organization has been accorded recognition as the exclusive representative of the unit's employees, 5 U.S.C. 7114(a) (2) (B) provides that the employee has a right to be represented during questioning by a representative of that labor organization, if the employee reasonably believes that the questioning may result in disciplinary action against the employee and the employee requests representation.

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supra; Sanitation Men v. Sanitation Commissioner, supra; Kalkines
v. United States, 473 F.2d 1391 (Ct. Cl. 1973).

Under no circumstances should a prospective interviewee with foreseeable criminal exposure be interviewed under an express or implied threat that he will be discharged if he refuses to cooperate in the investigation by invoking his rights under the Fifth Amendment, unless this course has been discussed with and approved by the Department of Justice. Requests for permission to utilize this interrogation procedure should be directed to the Justice Department component to which a referral of the matter would be made pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 535. Such clearance should be obtained before the witness is questioned. If clearance is obtained, the witness should be given the following warning prior to interview in order to avoid a challenge to a subsequent dismissal based on a claim that the employee was not adequately informed he had been given "use immunity."3/

- - You are going to be asked a number of specific questions concerning the performance of your official duties.
- - You have a duty to reply to these questions, and agency disciplinary proceedings resulting in your discharge may be initiated as a result of your answers.4/ However, neither your

^{3/} Kalkines v. United States, 472 F.2d 1391 (Ct. Cl. 1973).

^{4/} An agency employee may be terminated or disciplined on the basis of the <u>substance</u> of a statement he voluntarily provides under a threat of termination even though he is not expressly advised of the fact he is being accorded "use immunity" with respect to his criminal liability. See, <u>Womar</u> v. <u>Hampton</u>, 496 F.2d 99, 109 (5th Cir. 1974).

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answers nor any information or evidence which is gained by reason of such statements can be used against you in any criminal proceedings.

- - You are subject to dismissal if you refuse to answer or fail to respond truthfully and fully to any questions. 5/
- 3. Promises and representations made informally to prospective interviewees in administrative misconduct proceedings can likewise affect criminal liability, Santobello v. United States, 404 U.S. 257 (1971); United States v. Rodman, 519 F.2d 1058 (1st Cir. 1975); United States v. Carter, 454 F.2d 426 (4th Cir. 1972), cert. denied, 406 U.S. 906; cf. United States v. Long, 511 F.2d 878, 880-881 (5th Cir. 1975). Under no circumstances should a department or agency enter into informal understandings or agreements with prospective witnesses in administrative misconduct proceedings which may be interpreted as waiving further criminal liability in exchange for cooperation in a continuing investigation involving himself or other employees, without prior consultation with and approval by the Department of Justice along the lines set forth in item #2 above.
- 4. A department or agency may agree to waive further administrative discipline in exchange for cooperation. However, whenever the employee in question faces foreseeable <u>criminal</u> exposure, the terms of any such agreement between the employee

^{5/} Again, 5 U.S.C. 7114(a) (2) (B) provides that an employee is entitled to be represented during questioning by his labor organization if he is employed in a bargaining unit with respect to which a labor organization has been accorded recognition as the exclusive representative of the unit's employees, if the employee reasonably believes that the questioning may result in disciplinary action against the employee and the employee requests representation.

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and the agency should be reduced to writing, and should contain the following written disclaimer:

"Nothing contained herein shall be deemed or construed to affect criminal liability or to limit the responsibility of the Department of Justice to prosecute violations of Federal criminal laws. This agreement does not constitute a grant of immunity from criminal prosecution, and its acceptance by (the employee) shall constitute a knowing and personal waiver of rights under the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution."

The agreement containing the statement must be signed personally by the employee being interviewed. In the event that the employee's statement contains evidence reflecting that a criminal violation of Federal law has been committed, or in the event that other evidence is developed reflecting such a criminal violation, the signed statement containing the disclaimer shall be forwarded to the Department of Justice when the matter is referred pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 535.

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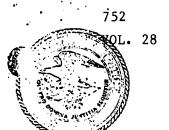
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Attached hereto is a memorandum which provides guidelines concerning certain administrative investigations and the reporting requirements of Section 535 of Title 28, United States Code. The memorandum results from the joint efforts of this Department and the Civil Service Commission, and supersedes a February 9, 1971 memorandum from then Attorney General Mitchell on the same subject.

Sincerely,

Edward H. Levi Attorney General

Enclosure



OCTOBER 10, 1980

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MEMORANDUM TO THE HEADS OF ALL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT

The purpose of this communication is to provide guidelines concerning administrative investigations of Federal officers and employees for wrongdoing involving possible criminal violations, and to achieve fully the objectives sought by the reporting requirements of Section 535 of Title 28, United States Code. This communication is not intended to revoke existing specific memoranda of understanding between the Department of Justice and other Federal departments and agencies.

This memorandum supersedes former Attorney General John N. Mitchell's February 9, 1971 memorandum to the heads of all departments and agencies concerning the reporting requirements of Section 535 of Title 28, United States Code.

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Section 535 of Title 28, United States Code, imposes upon every department and agency of the executive branch of the government the duty to report expeditiously to the Attorney General any information, allegations, or complaints relating to violations of Title 18, United States Code, involving government officers and employees. Whenever a department or agency is uncertain as to whether referral pursuant to Section 535 of Title 28 is warranted, a designated representative from the department or agency concerned should consult with the concerned Division in the Department of Justice.

^{1/} For the purpose of the reporting requirement set forth in this memorandum, the phrase "government officers and employees" includes a former officer or employee (a) when the suspected offense was committed during his federal employment and (b) when the suspected offense, although committed thereafter, is connected with his prior activity in the federal service (see, for example, 18 U.S.C. 207).

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Guidelines

- Whenever information, allegations or complaints are obtained during an administrative inquiry, internal investigation, or otherwise, which indicate that an officer or employee may have violated the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, the department or agency, in the absence of any applicable exception referred to in 28 U.S.C. 535(b)(1), (2) and 535(c), or existing understandings or agreements with the Department of Justice, shall expeditiously notify the Department of Justice. All such information, allegations, or complaints should be reported to the local office of the appropriate investigative agency, the office of the United States Attorney for the district in which the illegal violation has occurred, and directly to the appropriate Division of the Department of Justice.
- 2. Upon making such referral, the referring department or agency should suspend any further administrative investigation and/or interrogation of the

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employee with respect to the area of suspected criminality. However, if such independent administrative investigation is desired by the department or agency, it should be coordinated with the interested United States Attorney, Division in the Department of Justice, and/or investigative agency to insure that such administrative action does not jeopardize the government's criminal investigation or prosecution.

- 3. If the department or agency determines that disciplinary or other adverse action against the officer or employee is warranted, such action should be coordinated with the interested United States Attorney, Division in the Department of Justice, and/or investigative agency to avoid prejudicing the criminal investigation or prosecution.
- 4. If an agency of the Department of Justice declines criminal prosecution, the referring department or agency shall be informed as soon as possible. Further coordination between the referring departments or agency and this Department in connection with administrative proceedings is not necessary. However,

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the referring department or agency, upon receipt of a request for information about administrative action, if any, taken or contemplated, should make a complete response within a reasonable time.

Attorney General