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MEMORANDUM FOR: EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
DIRECTORS, FIELD OPERATIONS
ACTING DIRECTOR, PRECLEARANCE

FROM: Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations

SUBJECT: Admissibility Review Office

The Office of Field Operations (OFO) has created a new Admissibility Review Office (ARO) that will report to the Acting Executive Director, Immigration Policy and Programs (IPP). The pilot ARO, headed by Interim Director John Klow, is located in Minneapolis, MN and is staffed with TDY CBP officers.

The creation of this office will provide a dedicated resource with institutional knowledge and a consistent approach in making determinations of admissibility, inadmissibility, and the exercise of discretion for inadmissible aliens. The ARO will work extensively with Department of State (DOS) to determine whether inadmissible aliens may be permitted to travel as nonimmigrants with waivers.

Work will be transitioned in stages to the ARO. The first phase permits preclearance ports in Canada to forward I-192 waivers to the ARO for decision. Nonimmigrant waiver recommendations for aliens applying for nonimmigrant visas, via consular posts of the DOS, are migrating to the ARO in stages. Also, the ARO will provide authorizations to DOS for DOS to issue boarding letters to permanent resident aliens who are overseas but have reported lost or stolen permanent resident cards. Additional work will transition to the ARO when a permanent location and staffing are secured.

If there are any further questions, please contact Michael Hrinyak, Acting Executive Director of IPP, at (202) 344-2344, or John Klow, at (612) 725-3770.

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