



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable William J. Casey
The Director of Central Intelligence
Washington D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

This is to confirm our June 6th National Narcotics Border Interdiction System (NNBIS) Executive Board meeting. As we discussed, an effective national drug interdiction program can only be achieved through the full coordination and cooperation of all the involved departments and agencies.

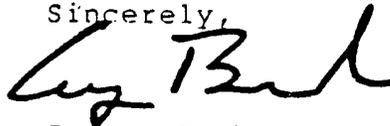
In order to accomplish this we have created five additional regional centers which, when combined with the South Florida Task Force, form the basis for the NNBIS. Each center is headed by a Regional Coordinator and a Deputy Coordinator selected from the participating agencies. A small staff working for me under the direction of my Chief of Staff, Admiral Daniel J. Murphy, will coordinate inter-regional efforts and interface with appropriate agency personnel here in Washington and at regional levels. I have attached an outline reviewing this and our June 6th discussions.

I need your full support in all our efforts to staff and make fully functional the NNBIS regional offices. I have attached a chart of initial personnel needs for each region by agency. The host agency for the Regional Coordinator's Operations Information Center (OIC) will need to provide the appropriate physical spaces and equipment.

I also need your continuing support in making available the necessary resources for regional routine and special operations. My staff and the Regional Coordinators will be working closely with your staff to ensure that we make the maximum effective use of all our nation's resources in fighting the almost overwhelming problem of drug importation.

Thank you very much for your help. The task of coordinating national border interdiction of narcotics is enormous and highly challenging. I look forward to working together with you as we further develop and implement a strong and effective strategy.

Sincerely,


George Bush



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