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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Criminal Division Employees

FROM: Alice S. Fisher
Assistant Attorney General

SUBJECT: Establishment of the Gang Squad and GangTECC

As you are aware, during the past year the Department of Justice has made the fight against gangs and gang-related violence one of its top priorities. I am pleased to announce two recent developments as part of the Criminal Division's role in helping lead these ongoing efforts.

First, I have created a Gang Squad within the Criminal Division to target gang-related crime. The Gang Squad is a specialized group of federal prosecutors charged with developing and implementing strategies to attack the most significant national and international gangs in the U.S. These prosecutors will not only prosecute select gang cases of national importance, they will also help formulate policy, assist and coordinate with USAOs on legal issues and multi-district cases, and work with domestic and foreign law enforcement agencies to construct effective and coordinated prevention and enforcement strategies. I have asked P. Kevin Carwile to be the Chief of the Gang Squad. Mr. Carwile is an experienced federal prosecutor who has served as both Deputy Chief and Assistant Chief of the Criminal Division's Organized Crime and Racketeering Section. Prior to joining the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section in 1997, Mr. Carwile served for seven years as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia and engaged in the private practice of law in Charlotte, N.C. The Gang Squad will be the Criminal Division's lead component for operational efforts against gangs and will maintain a key partnership and liaison with the National Gang Intelligence Center (NGIC) and the National Gang Targeting, Enforcement & Coordination Center (GangTECC), which is the new national anti-gang task force created by the Attorney General. The Gang Squad is not intended to replace the dedicated efforts throughout the Division to combat the gang problems in this country, and we will continue to utilize resources across the Division in this effort. The Gang Squad will report to Deputy Assistant Attorney General Barry Sabin.

Second, with regards to GangTECC, since the time it was stood up on June 26, 2006, the Deputy Attorney General has asked the Criminal Division to lead the new Center, which has been operating out of FBI Headquarters. GangTECC is a multi-agency task force with

participation from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Bureau of Prisons (BOP), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), and state and local law enforcement. The mission of GangTECC is to serve as a critical catalyst in a unified, federal effort to achieve maximum national impact in terms of disrupting and dismantling the most violent gangs in the United States as they implicate national security, border protection, and public safety. Through the collaborative efforts of the participating agencies, GangTECC will accomplish its mission by working closely with Gang Squad attorneys, analysts located at the NGIC, and other prosecutors and investigators throughout all levels of government, including and especially the Criminal Division. Pursuant to the Deputy Attorney General's memorandum dated July 25, 2006, the Director of GangTECC is selected by me. Since its inception, Mr. Carwile has served as Acting Director of GangTECC while the process of selecting a permanent Director is completed.

The Domestic Security Section (DSS) will continue to be the lead component for violent crime policy and other violent crime litigation for the Division. DSS will continue to maintain its expertise on violent crime statutes, including firearms offenses, and will continue to serve as experts on federal proceedings involving juveniles. DSS will also continue to be the Division lead for immigration crime, human rights crime, and other violent crime litigation, initiatives and policy matters. In particular, DSS is expanding its work in targeting international smuggling organizations, and prosecuting large-scale immigration benefit, passport, and visa fraud cases.

The effort to combat gangs and gang violence is a national priority for the President, the Attorney General and for those we serve, and thus serves as one of the highest priorities of the Criminal Division. As such, we will continue to rely on the contributions of Sections and Offices throughout the Division to ensure both a strong launch and the long-term success of Gang Squad, GangTECC and the Division's other anti-gang initiatives, and I ask for your continued participation and support. By way of follow up, I would also ask that OIA, DSS, OCRS, NDDS, AFMLS, OEO, CCU, OPDAT and ICITAP please update Ed McNally and Kevin Carwile with the name of the principle point of contact for supporting and coordinating the anti-gang initiatives in your section.