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Division of Operations-Management

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To : All Regional Directors, Officers-in-Charge,
and Resident Officers

From : Richard A. Siegel, Acting Associate General Counsel

Subject: Relations with Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)
of the U. S. Department of Justice

Attached are instructions distributed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the U. S. Department of Justice to its field officials relating to enforcement activities under the immigration laws during a suspected labor dispute. Under these instructions, INS agents may be contacting Information Officers at National Labor Relations Board Regional Offices to make inquiries regarding the status of unfair labor practice and representation cases pending in the Region. Consistent with long-standing practice, the NLRB will promptly offer full cooperation to another Federal agency making any inquiry in the course of its law enforcement activities.¹

With knowledge of a labor dispute involving an employer of employees whose status under the immigration laws has been questioned, Immigration authorities will consider in what fashion that fact should impact their enforcement activities. Also, under the instructions, arrangements for the interview by Board agents of aliens held by the INS will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact me or your Assistant General Counsel.

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Attachment

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¹ If requests for file documents are made by INS agents, consult Memorandum GC 94-14, dated November 2, 1994, Section 102.118 Delegation.

