

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL
Division of Operations-Management

MEMORANDUM OM 91-98

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

FROM: William G. Stack, Deputy Associate General Counsel

SUBJECT: Authorization for Press Releases

In recognition of the sensitivity of situations which Regional Offices handle, as well as the confidential nature of the information which the Regional Offices receive, you have previously been requested to establish procedures for responding to inquiries from the news media. Such procedures are essential since, at all times, the objectivity of the Agency must be maintained both in fact and in appearance.

It has recently come to our attention that a Regional Office issued a press release regarding a matter which had been handled in Washington. Issuance of a press release should be undertaken only after careful consideration of the appropriateness of publicizing a particular event or disposition. Accordingly, prior to the issuance of a press release, Regional Offices should seek authorization from the Division of Operations-Management.

If you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact your Assistant General Counsel.


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