

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
VICTORIA DIVISION**

STATE OF TEXAS,	)	
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	)	
v.	)	No. 6:21-cv-00003
	)	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, <i>et al.</i>	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

NOTICE

In response to the Court's minute order and instruction at this morning's hearing, please find attached the email discussed in Plaintiff's Advisory (ECF No. 6). Personal identifying information, including names of DHS employees, is redacted. Defendants are continuing to seek information related to the other requests in the Court's minute order and will provide responses as soon as possible.

Dated: January 25, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically (via CM/ECF) on January 25, 2021.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 6:33 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Just spoke to [REDACTED] HRD means High risk detainees. These detainees are Fraihat cases. They were holding some Fraihat as their removal was imminent. With the pause, their custody will have to be redetermined. Sadly that's not the way it reads.

[REDACTED]
(A) Assistant Director
Field Operations
Enforcement and Removal Operations
US Immigration and Customs Enforcement
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, Jan 22, 2021, 6:20 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

What does this mean?

Check the HRD at 1300hrs for new review decisions. Release them all, immediately. No sponsor available is not acceptable any longer.

Sent with BlackBerry Work
(www.blackberry.com)

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, Jan 22, 2021, 5:17 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

[REDACTED], as discussed, email is below. Thanks

[REDACTED]
(A) Assistant Director

Field Operations
Enforcement and Removal Operations
US Immigration and Customs Enforcement

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, Jan 22, 2021, 6:16 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, Jan 22, 2021, 5:05 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

As discussed, PAO brought the email below mine to my attention after Tucker Carlson (media) made inquiries as he has a copy of the memorandum. I am working with my local PAO as DHS will likely have to respond to the questions.

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, Jan 22, 2021, 4:51 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Retract this directive immediately. Please direct your supervisors to follow the memorandum issued. Operational guidance is being developed and will be issued in the coming days. At this point we are going to be following the directive as closely to the letter as possible. Any questions on removals, releases, and/or arrests that we cannot determine fit squarely into the directive will be forwarded up through me to HQ for further discussion and decisions.

[REDACTED]

FOD

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 11:29 AM
To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

All,

I am just the messenger...

As of midnight tonight, **stop all removals**. This includes Mexican bus runs, charter flights and commercial removals (until further notice). If cases are staged somewhere else, IAO will make further determinations.

Per the DFOD, all cases are to be considered NO SLRFF.

Check the HRD at 1300hrs for new review decisions. Release them all, immediately. No sponsor available is not acceptable any longer.

If you have specific case that you want to discuss, call me.

[REDACTED]

Assistant Officer in Charge/MPC

Houston Field Office

Enforcement and Removal Operations

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

[REDACTED]