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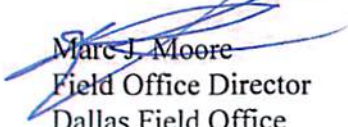


U.S. Immigration
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Enforcement

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Tae D. Johnson
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FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Waiver Request for all ERO Dallas Detention Centers Regarding
Mexican Identity Documents

Issue:

This memorandum requests the approval of a waiver on behalf of all ERO Dallas detention centers expanding on the waiver approved on October 5, 2017 for the Prairieland Detention Center (PDC). The waiver will apply to the following facilities:

- Prairieland Detention Center
- Johnson County Correction Center (JCCC)
- Tulsa County Jail
- Moore Detention Center

This waiver will allow ERO Dallas to maintain Mexican identification documents with the detainee's property rather than in the A-File.

Background:

On August 23, 2018, the Nakamoto Group (NG) completed an annual detention inspection of the JCCC. The NG cited JCCC as deficient in the following areas:

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- **Admission and Release:** Each detainee's identification documents are secured in the detainee's A-File.
- **Correspondence and Other Mail:** Identity documents, such as passports, birth certificates, etc., shall be placed in the detainee's A-File. Upon request, the detainee shall be provided with a copy of the document, certified by and ICE/ERO officer to be a true and correct copy.
- **Funds and Personal Property:** Identity documents, such as passports, birth certificates, are held in each detainee's A-file, but, upon request, staff shall provide the detainee a copy of a document, certified by and ICE/ERO official to be a true and correct copy.

Discussion

The logistics and timing dynamics involved in removing Mexican nationals are different than other countries. Specifically, the Government of Mexico does not require a travel document for repatriation to Mexico. To expedite the removal process ERO Dallas secures Mexican identification documents in the detainee's property. Mexican identification documents are rarely required as exhibits in removal proceedings, and if required can be easily obtained from a detainee's property. Storing the documents in the alien's property rather than the A-File eliminates a wait of one to four calendar days to receive the A-file from immigration court and return the documents to the detainee. During ERO 2.0, management and bargaining units developed and implemented this process to reduce the average length of stay.

Maintaining Mexican identity documents in the A-File and providing the detainee a true and correct copy unnecessarily increases length of stay and creates additional detention costs by delaying removal.

Recommendation:

I recommend approval of this request to allow the ERO Dallas detention centers indicated above to maintain Mexican identity documents with the detainee's property to expedite removal.

Approve: Jmb 11/8/18 **Disapprove:** _____

Modified: _____ **Needs Discussion:** _____