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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

FROM:

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SUBJECT: Referrals for the Communications Management Units

The Bureau has operated the Communications Management Unit (CMU) at FCC Terre Haute, Indiana since December 2006. Currently the need for CMU bed space has exceeded the capacity of the existing CMU and a second CMU will be established at USP Marion, Illinois in the near future.

The CMU was established to house inmates who, due to their current offense of conviction, offense conduct, or other verified information, require enhanced monitoring of all communications with persons in the community. This will allow staff to protect the safety, security, and orderly operation of Bureau facilities, and protect the public.

The activation of the additional CMU will increase the Bureau's capacity for managing inmates who require enhanced communication monitoring. The CMUs operate as open housing units where inmates reside, and participate in all educational, recreational, religious, visiting, unit management, and work programming within the confines of the housing unit.

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