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Memorandum

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Subject: Priority Service

In a memo dated April 10, 2006, to Public Documents Room permittees, I advised of a revision in the Aircraft Registration Branch policy concerning access to priority service in connection with declarations of international flights. As a reminder, that policy change limits access to that service to fulfillment of one such request per aircraft (by N Number) in any three-month period (quarter year). Without priority service, it currently takes approximately 39 calendar days between receipt of application and issuance of a Certificate of Registration.

The implementation date of that policy revision was originally announced to be May 1, 2006. That original effective date was subsequently amended to be June 1, 2006.

Following a series of meetings involving affected aviation industry segments, it has become evident that the potential effects of that policy change are many and varied. It is clear that the Registry's effort to curtail a significant expenditure of Registry resources devoted primarily to examination of fractional ownership interests, will have a negative impact on all those affected by the policy.

In an effort to resolve the Registry's resource issues in a manner that has the least negative impact on the aviation community possible, the following actions will be taken:

1. The Registry will increase its surveillance and enforcement of abusers of the priority service system. Preliminary data indicate that a vast majority of the international flights referenced on the Declarations of International Operations (AFS-750-DIO-1) submitted to the

Registry never took place. We will continue working closely with Air Traffic to verify which submitted flights actually occurred. Submission of such false statements in a document to receive priority registration service appears to be a violation of 18 USC §1001(a) and abuses will be dealt with as appropriate.

2. The Registry will continue its dialogue with those segments of the aviation community most affected by the policy change, primarily the fractional ownership programs, to explore available options to resolve the challenges the current situation presents to their business interests and those of the Registry.
3. To provide time for appropriate solutions to be developed and agreed upon and to determine if voluntary efforts on the part of the aviation community to curtail requests for priority service have an appreciable effect on Registry priority workload, the implementation date for the change in policy concerning priority service in connection with declarations of international flight is delayed until January 1, 2007.