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To: Barry J. Toiv/WHO/EOP  
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Subject:

The INS story is very good news. The put out a press release today saying that they had removed more than 110,000 criminal aliens this year. That's 62% more than last year -- and 20% more than their goal for this year.

I'm sending you their press release/info by fax,

Jose'

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WASHINGTON

Elena,

Attached is a draft response that  
INS prepared for McCurry on the  
reporting requirement.

Internally, INS has been analyzing  
this provision and, in particular, whether  
its application only applies to  
TANF, SSI + HUD programs due to  
how it was drafted.

After INS finalizes its analysis,  
it will have to meet w/ relevant  
agencies to see if there is agreement  
and who needs to issue regs.

Note that INS says that no deadline

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has been missed because  
the provision does not <sup>impose</sup> ~~require~~  
reporting dates.

Thanks,

Steve

P.S. do you have e-mail  
set up for you?

**Welfare Reform - State Reporting Requirement**

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The Administration is aggressively moving forward to implement the complex provisions of the 1996 Federal Welfare Reform Law. One statutory provision requires certain state benefit agencies to report information to the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) on persons known to be unlawfully in the United States. We know state agencies are actively reviewing this and other provisions of the new law to determine how best to implement them. Since the President signed the law in August, the Administration has worked with all agencies throughout the Federal government to develop regulations and guidelines to implement the law. We will continue to work closely with state and local officials and affected communities, to assist them in making welfare reform successful.

Note: The law requires state agencies to report information to INS four times per year. There is no fixed date -- no one has missed a "deadline."

Bruce -

FYI. This seems like something to keep an eye on.

Elena

PS - Doesn't "four times per year" suggest quarterly to you?!

# States not reporting illegal immigrants

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USA TODAY

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But some state officials may be ignoring the requirement altogether.

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The welfare reform law, which went into effect Oct. 1, requires state and county welfare agencies to file quarterly reports with the names and addresses of individuals they know are illegal aliens. The first deadline passed Jan. 1.

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## Senators, auto execs blame regulators for 'lethal' air bag rules

By Jayne O'Donnell  
USA TODAY

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# 11 at Citadel cited in women's hazing

By Bruce Smith  
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Eleven Citadel cadets face disciplinary action stemming from the hazing of two female cadets last year, the commandant of the state military college said Wednesday.

An upperclassman, one of two already suspended, allegedly told a female cadet "if I ever see you off campus, I will cut your heart out," Col. Joseph Trez told U.S. District Judge C. Weston Houck.

Houck, who is overseeing the admission of four women to the formerly all-male school, called a hearing on security Tuesday. Trez, a retired Army colonel, is in charge of The Citadel's students.

In addition to the upperclassman's threat, cadets allegedly twice poured nail polish remover on two of the women's clothes and set them afire, and a rifle allegedly was pushed into a woman's face, Trez said.

The state and FBI are investigating reports that cadets Kim Messer of Clover and Jeanie Mentavlos of Charlotte, N.C., were targets of the hazing. Two other women have not reported problems but corroborated some details of the incidents, Trez said.

According to Trez, the two women said cadet officers indi-

cated they should not complain. However, Mentavlos' brother, a senior cadet, reported the incidents to a member of the college governing board.

Trez said the women told him, "A knob is a knob and just takes what happens." First-year cadets are called knobs because of their short haircuts.

He did not identify which women were involved in which incidents.

Five cadets originally were suspended from military duties, and two others were suspended from school. The four others who face pending disciplinary action all remain in their barracks, Trez said.

Houck, who ruled the state school's all-male policy unconstitutional in 1994, told the college to consider the "worst scenario" and tighten security as a result of the allegations.

Since the hazing reports, The Citadel has put panic buttons in the women's rooms and posted adults in all barracks.

The college also plans to investigate the system that makes freshmen cadets take orders from upperclassmen.

The college dropped its all-male admissions policy last summer after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a similar policy at the nation's only other public all-male college, Virginia Military Institute, was unconstitutional.

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