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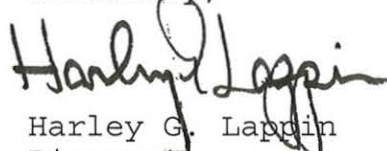
Dear Director Duff:

This is to inform you that on January 15, 2008, the Federal Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) will implement new search procedures for all persons attempting to gain access to the secure confines of our institutions (camps excluded). Specifically, each individual will be required to submit to and clear electronic searches. This will include walk-through [WTMD] or hand-held metal detectors for the person and x-ray machines for belongings that cannot be cleared via WTMD. These procedures will apply to all persons, including Bureau staff, contractors, and volunteers; official visitors, such as Members of the Court, government representatives and our law enforcement partners; and inmate visitors. Please note that this change does not replace or eliminate other requirements or procedures related to our search and detain policy for inmate visitors.

The Bureau believes this change is necessary to reduce the potential for the introduction of contraband into our facilities and to ensure a safe environment for staff and inmates alike. These procedures will be consistently applied, thereby eliminating any perception of bias or misunderstandings.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation, as well as for the ongoing assistance you provide the Bureau. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience or delays this might cause. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Harley G. Lappin  
Director