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SUBJECT:

USA PATRIOT Act Outreach Initiative/
Steps Taken to Answer Questions about the Patriot Act

U.S. Attorney Timothy M. Burgess, District of Alaska, has conducted the following interviews, public meetings, and private meetings with local, state and federal officials in an effort to answer questions related to the implementation of the Patriot Act.

- 1) April 13, Anchorage, Alaska. Participated in public debate with local ACLU representatives about the Patriot Act at the University of Alaska, Anchorage.
- 2) April 14, Juneau, Alaska. Briefed a Joint Meeting of Alaska House and Senate Armed Services Committee about the Department's antiterrorism efforts.
- 3) April 14, Juneau, Alaska. Briefed Governor Frank Murkowski and staff about the Department's antiterrorism efforts and the Patriot Act.

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- 4) April 14, 2003, Juneau, Alaska. Prior to a vote on an Anti-Patriot Act Resolution, held an advertised public meeting with members of Juneau Assembly, as well as members of the public and the ACLU. Answered questions about the Patriot Act. The discussion was later broadcast in Southeast Alaska on the public radio station as news coverage of the meeting.
- 5) March 5, 2003, Fairbanks, Alaska. Met privately with the Fairbanks Mayor and Fairbanks North Star Borough to answer questions about the Patriot Act and local Anti-Patriot Act resolutions.
- 6) May 22, 2003, Anchorage, Alaska. Participated in advertised 3-hour town hall meeting organized by the League of Women Voters. Speakers included local ACLU representative, representative of librarians, U.S. Attorney and the FBI SAC. Attended by the press.
- 7) May 12, 2003, Anchorage, Alaska. Attended Mountain View Community Council and answered questions about the Patriot Act.
- 8) May 12, 2003, Anchorage, Alaska. Spoke by phone with Mr. Allan Tesche, member of Anchorage Assembly, sponsor of a resolution opposing the Patriot Act..
- 9) May 13, 2003, Anchorage, Alaska. Spoke with State Senator Gretchen Guess about the Patriot Act and problem created by the proposed States's resolutions.
- 10) May 13, 2003, Juneau, Alaska. Testified before the Alaska Senate Affairs Standing Committee about the Patriot Act and, specifically, Section 215.
- 11) May, 2003, Washington, D.C. Spoke by phone with Mr. Dick Traini, Chair of the Anchorage Assembly, about the resolution opposing the Patriot Act. Traini ultimately supported the Patriot Act and opposed the resolution.
- 12) May 14, 2003, Washington, D.C. Met with U.S. Senator Ted Stevens and discussed the Patriot Act.
- 13) May 14, 2003. Washington, D.C. Met with U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski and discussed the Patriot Act.
- 14) July 15, 2003, Washington, D.C. Spoke with Mr. Dick Traini, Chair of the Anchorage Assembly, the day of the Assembly vote, passing a resolution opposing the Patriot Act. Mr. Traini opposed the resolution.
- 15) August 7, 2003, Anchorage, Alaska. USA Burgess and FAUSA Deborah Smith conducted two-hour interview with the *Anchorage Press* about the Patriot Act.
- 16) August 28, 2003, Anchorage, Alaska. Met with ten Congressional staffers to discuss the

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National Guard Bureau Office of Counterdrug Activities. Discussed counterdrug activities for half-hour; answered questions on the Patriot Act and Otter Amendment for an hour. Attendees included: Lindsay Spiller, Legislative Assistant (LA), Sen. John Beaux (D-LA); Laura Bald, LA, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC); David Turk, LA and Counsel, Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND); Katie Hankey, LA, Rep. Duke Cunningham (R-CA); Kathleen Anderson, LA, Rep. Christopher H. Smith (R-NJ); IANA Alexander, LA, Rep. Rodney Alexander (D-OLA); Amanda Dimmer, LA Rep. Lane Evans (D-IL); Sylvia Brown, LA, Rep. Mike Ross (DAR); Chain Wiggins, LA, Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA); and Vivian Curry, Legislative Director, Rep. John Boozman (R-AR).

17) August 28, 2003, Anchorage, Alaska. Met with U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski. She agreed to meet in Washington, D.C. in September with USA Burgess and Dan Bryant, AAG for Office of Legal Policy, to discuss legislation she introduced to amend the Patriot Act.

18) August 29, 2003, Anchorage, Alaska. Spoke by phone with Rep. Don Young's District Director William J. Sharrow to arrange a meeting with the Congressman to discuss the Patriot Act. Sharrow reported that Rep. Young was not available for a meeting in Alaska because of a tight schedule. [

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19) Prospective Action. April 30, 2004, Anchorage, Alaska. Will address Alaska Bar Association on "Civil Liberties in the Post 9/11 World," at their annual convention.

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