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Given the progress that has been made on the SAR data sharing effort, the following message was sent at noon today to the 72 FC Directors (50 state and 22 Urban Area FC Directors recognized by DHS) as well as members of the NSI PMO and principal support partners so they can be knowledgeable to answer questions that may surface in their daily interaction with the FCs. We are hopeful that we will meet all mutual goals and objectives of our programs.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

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The following is provided to you on behalf of Mr. Tom O'Reilly, Director of the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) Program Management Office (PMO):

Good morning, Colleagues:

I am pleased to report a significant advancement in the business processes that govern privacy, retention, and redress issues associated with SAR information being provided to the FBI Guardian system. Attached is a letter from U.S. Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole outlining new retention schedules for records in the Guardian system. The NSI PMO is of the opinion these new policies by the FBI will address Fusion Center concerns about pushing their vetted SAR records to the eGuardian system. Additional guidance (also attached to this email) has been provided in the form of an FAQ.

I will be scheduling regional calls with all Fusion Centers next week to address any additional questions you might have regarding these policy changes. During this call, representatives from the FBI, DHS, and the NSI PMO, will be available to share further information, address remaining questions, and update you on technology enhancements that will provide improvements to NSI functionality. The anticipated date for these calls is Wednesday, November 9th. Details regarding these calls will be provided in communications to the centers by the end of this week.

I want to thank all of the Fusion Center leaders who have provided their input in this process. Clearly your concerns have been heard, and we are pleased with the Attorney General's support of these changes. I am hopeful that our continued dialogue will advance SAR collection, reporting, vetting, analysis, and dissemination protocols currently in place. Your continued support of our collective efforts to meet the needs of our local, state, Tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns, I will address these during our calls next week, but I am always available to you by e-mail and phone.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. O'Reilly

