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MEMORANDUM FOR: PATROL AGENTS IN CHARGE
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FROM: Chief Patrol Agent
SUBJECT: Proper Treatment of Detainees

It is of the utmost importance that all employees of this Sector understand and adhere to policy in regards to the proper treatment of all detainees. Employees understand that excessive force will not be tolerated and will use only the force necessary to accomplish our mission. However, it is just as important to understand that verbal abuse of detainees is another violation that is wrong and will not be tolerated.

Detainees are entitled to certain rights, among which is the right to courteous, considerate treatment by all employees of the Service. No remarks of a sarcastic or "kidding" nature should ever be made to a detainee about his/her name, nationality, race, religion, economic condition, his/her dress or any other circumstance that is derogatory towards the person. *It is your duty to give them the same treatment you would like if your situations were reversed.*

Patrol Agents in Charge will ensure that all employees under your respective jurisdictions are aware of this policy and that it is strictly adhered to. If any questions or problems should arise, please contact this office immediately via the chain of command.