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USCIS Statement

USCIS Begins Review of Ombudsman’s 2007 Annual Report

WASHINGTON—Today, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) acknowledged receipt and publication of the USCIS Ombudsman’s 2007 Annual Report to Congress. USCIS Director Emilio Gonzalez issued the following statement in response to the report:

“We welcome the report issued to the Congress today by the USCIS Ombudsman. The receipt of this report is timely as we begin implementation of our new fee structure that will provide the revenue necessary to [*Build an Immigration Service for the 21st Century.*](#)”

“It is incumbent upon us to look at every viable avenue that will give our Nation and our customers an immigration service they deserve and one of which they can be proud. The observations made in the Ombudsman’s report are consistent with our overall strategy and will allow us to continue an open and transparent dialogue about the agency. We look forward to studying the report and its recommendations more closely.”

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