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necessary to assure that the appropriate U.S. Attorney is notified whenever a prisoner is released prior to the payment of his fine.

(i) The Pardon Attorney shall notify the appropriate U.S. Attorney whenever the President issues a pardon and whenever the President remits or commutes a fine.

[Order No. 423-69, 34 FR 20388, Dec. 31, 1969, as amended by Order No. 445-70, 35 FR 19397, Dec. 23, 1970; Order No. 699-77, 42 FR 15315, Mar. 21, 1977; Order No. 960-81, 46 FR 52352, Oct. 27, 1981; Order No. 1034-83, 48 FR 50714, Nov. 3, 1983; Order No. 1413-90, 55 FR 19064, May 8, 1990]

§0.172 Authority: Federal tort claims.

(a) The Director of the Bureau of Prisons, the Commissioner of Federal Prison Industries, the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Director of the United States Marshals Service, and the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration shall have authority to adjust, determine, compromise, and settle a claim involving the Bureau of Prisons, Federal Prison Industries, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the United States Marshals Service, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, respectively, under section 2672 of title 28, United States Code, relating to the administrative settlement of Federal tort claims, if the amount of a proposed adjustment, compromise, settlement, or award does not exceed \$50,000. When, in the opinion of one of those officials, such a claim pending before him presents a novel question of law or a question of policy, he shall obtain the advice of the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Division before taking action on the claim.

(b) Subject to the provisions of §0.160, the assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Division shall have authority to adjust, determine, compromise, and settle any other claim involving the Department under section 2672, of title 28, U.S. Code, relating to Pt. 0, Subpt. Y, App.

the administrative settlement of Federal tort claims.

[Order No. 423-69, 34 FR 20388, Dec. 31, 1969, as amended by Order No. 520-73, 38 FR 18381, July 10, 1973; Order No. 565-74, 39 FR 15877, May 6, 1974; Order No. 1149-86, 51 FR 31940, Sept. 8, 1986; Order No. 1528-91, 56 FR 48734, Sept. 26, 1991; Order No. 2328-2000, 65 FR 60100, Oct. 10, 2000]

APPENDIX TO SUBPART Y OF PART 0-REDELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY TO COMPROMISE AND CLOSE CIVIL CLAIMS

CIVIL DIVISION

REDELEGATION OF AUTHORITY, TO BRANCH DI-RECTORS, HEADS OF OFFICES AND UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS IN CIVIL DIVISION CASES

[Directive No. 14-95]

By virtue of the authority vested in me by part 0 of title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations, particularly §§0.45, 0.160, 0.164, and 0.168, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Authority To Compromise or Close Cases and To File Suits and Claims

(a) Delegation to Deputy Assistant Attorneys General. The Deputy Assistant Attorneys General are authorized to act for, and to exercise the authority of, the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Division with respect to the institution of suits, the acceptance or rejection of compromise offers, and the closing of claims or cases, unless any such authority is required by law to be exercised by the Assistant Attorney General personally or has been specifically delegated to another Department official.

(b) Delegation to United States Attorneys, Branch, Office and Staff Directors and Attorneys-in-Charge of Field Offices. Subject to the limitations imposed by 28 CFR 0.160(c), and 0.164(a) and section 4(c) of this directive, and the authority of the Solicitor General set forth in 28 CFR 0.163,

(1) Branch, Office, and Staff Directors, and Attorneys-in-Charge of Field Offices with respect to matters assigned or delegated to their respective components are hereby delegated the authority to:

(a) Accept offers in compromise of claims on behalf of the United States;

(i) In all cases in which the gross amount of the original claim did not exceed \$500,000; and,

(ii) In all cases in which the gross amount of the original claim was between \$500,000 and \$5,000,000, so long as the difference between the gross amount of the original claim and the proposed settlement does not exceed \$500,000 or 15 percent of the original claim, whichever is greater;