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THE OFFICE OF  
PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES  
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ACTIVITIES QUARTERLY REPORT



FIRST QUARTER

FY 2009

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## **II. DEPARTMENT ACTIONS**

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To emphasize the importance of protecting privacy and civil liberties at the highest levels of the Department, and to assign accountability, the Attorney General has designated a Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer (CPCLO) for the Department that works on the Deputy Attorney General's staff. The CPCLO has the authority to advise and be consulted about matters concerning privacy and civil liberties in the Department. In addition, the CPCLO has consolidated most privacy and civil liberties policies and department wide activities into one office, which reports directly to the CPCLO. The CPCLO is responsible for submitting the quarterly reports required by Section 803.

### III. FIRST QUARTER REPORT

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Quarterly Report on Privacy and Civil Liberties Activities  
Under Section 803 of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007  
Quarter 1 9/1/08 to 11/30/08

Reviews		Advice			Complaints		
Type	Number	Type	Number	Response	Type	Number	Response
Privacy Impact Assessments	2	Attorney General Guidelines	4	Guidance	<b>PRIVACY</b>	1	Agency able to assist
Privacy Reviews on Legislation, Testimony, Reports	59	EU Data Protection Directive Analysis	1	Guidance		2	Unable to Assist
		US-EU High Level Contact Group Interim Statement	1	Report			
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