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MEMORANDUM FOR: Field Office Directors  
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SUBJECT: Headquarters Detention and Removal Operations  
(HQDRO) Special Interest Cases

This memorandum serves as a reminder of the previous memorandum entitled "Special Circumstances Cases Under 8 CFR 241.14" dated December 3, 2004. Any case designated in the Deportable Alien Control System (DACS), case summary (CASS) screen as with the "HQDRO Interest Case" banner and the presence of an "H" in the "Alert-code" field is not to be removed or released without the consent of the HQ Custody Determination Unit (HQCDU). Furthermore, all custody decisions for "HQDRO Interest" cases will be coordinated with HQCDU.

Field offices are to coordinate closely with HQCDU and the HQ Travel Document Unit on all case management aspects of designated "HQDRO Interest" cases. HQCDU must be notified as soon as an alien who may warrant designation as a "HQDRO Interest" case is encountered. Any questions may be referred to HQCDU via e-mail at [HQCDU@dhs.gov](mailto:HQCDU@dhs.gov) or by contacting 

 Acting Chief, HQCDU at (202) 

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