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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM: [REDACTED]

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Executive Office for United States Attorneys

RE: Office-Wide Recusal of Southern District of Florida from the Investigation
and Potential Prosecution of Mr. Jeffery Epstein (GCO File No. REC-11-4159)

THIS IS FORMAL NOTICE that David Margolis, Associate Deputy Attorney General (ADAG), approved the office-wide recusal of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida (SDFL) from all matters, to include the investigation and potential prosecution, relating to Jeffrey Epstein's alleged sexual activities with minor females. The ADAG authorized this recusal in accordance with [United States Attorney's Manual \(USAM\) 3-2.170](#) and [United States Attorney's Procedures \(USAP\) 3-2.170.001](#) based upon existing conflicts of interest or the appearance of conflicts of interest pertaining to the matter.

ADAG Margolis has assigned this matter to the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida and, pursuant to [28 U.S.C. ' 515\(a\)](#), has directed and authorized United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill to conduct any kind of legal proceeding, civil or criminal, including grand jury proceedings and proceedings before committing magistrate judges, which the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida is authorized by law to conduct regarding this matter. See [USAP 3-2.170.001\(6\)\(C\)\(2\)\(b\)](#).

Each office should communicate directly with each other concerning the investigations related to this matter in accordance with the procedures outlined in [USAP 3-2.170.001\(6\)\(C\)\(2\)\(b\)\(3\)](#). The point of contact for the Middle District of Florida is Criminal Chief [REDACTED] who can be contacted at [REDACTED]. The point of contact for the Southern District of Florida is First Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] who can be reached at [REDACTED].

All Assistant United States Attorneys subsequently assigned to this matter must be appointed as Special Attorneys in order to appear on behalf of the government in the Southern District of Florida. See [USAM, 3-2.300](#) and [USAP 3-2.170.001\(6\)\(C\)\(2\)\(b\)](#). Please contact Nicole West, EOUSA Personnel Staff, Policy and Special Programs Division, at [REDACTED] to obtain the appointments.

In accordance with [USAP 3-2.170.001\(6\)\(C\)\(2\)\(b\)\(3\)](#), any Special Attorney assigned the matter or case should sign any pleadings or documents using the signature block of the Middle District of Florida, with the addition of the Attorney General's name preceding that of the United States Attorney.

If you have any questions relating to this recusal matter, please contact Assistant General Counsel [REDACTED] [REDACTED] General Counsel's Office, EOUSA, at [REDACTED]. Thank you.

Thank you,

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Assistant General Counsel

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