

Memorandum



Subject

Baseline Measures for Fairness in Law Enforcement Report

Date

01-24-2001

To

██████████ Chief, ADS

From

██████████ Chief, ADSA

I spoke this afternoon with ██████████ from the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) regarding the status of their efforts to acquire baseline measures against which we may compare the Operation Jetway data that we are currently collecting. According to ██████████ BJS is in the process of finalizing an agreement with the Bureau of Transportation Services (BTS) that will result in a contract to perform the following five tasks:

- 1) Assist the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) on a number of issues relating to the number of persons crossing our borders;
- 2) Explore the ways that other agencies or organizations have approached the issue of deriving estimates of the population demographics of persons utilizing airports;
- 3) Attempt to determine the best way of establishing such baseline measures at airports;
- 4) Perform a site test utilizing the chosen method for establishing airport baseline measures;
- 5) Submit a summary report to BJS regarding the four items listed above.

When I inquired about the time line for these various activities, ██████████ indicated that ██████████ hoped the site test could be accomplished sometime in March of this year, and that ██████████ would anticipate delivery of the summary report two to three months thereafter. When I asked about this timeline in relation to the due date of May 31st for the final report to the White House, ██████████ suggested that the BTS summary report would likely comprise most of BJS's contribution to the section of the final report that will deal with the baseline measurement issue. We concluded with ██████████ inviting me to participate in the upcoming discussions with BTS and their contractors once the agreement has been finalized.

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Subject
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Date
02-13-2001

To
[REDACTED] Chief, ADS

From
[REDACTED] Chief, ADSA

I spoke this morning with [REDACTED] from the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) regarding the status of their efforts to acquire baseline measures against which we may compare the Operation Jetway data that we are currently collecting. During that discussion I proposed a plan for acquiring preliminary baseline data from a handful of our airport sites by issuing contracts to university researchers. I indicated to [REDACTED] that I had personal contacts in a number of academic departments throughout the country that are close to many of our airport sites, and that I believed a relatively small investment could result in several hundred hours worth of observation prior to the May 31st deadline for the final report to the White House. For example, paying graduate student observers \$20 per hour for 500 hours of observation at each of four sites (2,000 hours) would cost only \$40,000. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] would run this idea past BJS Acting Director [REDACTED] and get back to me. In addition, [REDACTED] informed me that BJS and the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) have each contributed \$50,000 toward a contract to examine the issue of acquiring baseline measures, and offered to involve me in the meetings with the contractor.

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02-20-2001

To

[REDACTED] Chief, ADS

From

[REDACTED] Chief, ADSA

I just received a phone message from [REDACTED] at the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) in regards to the conversation [REDACTED] and I had a week ago in which I proposed a plan for acquiring preliminary baseline data from a handful of our airport sites by issuing contracts to university researchers. [REDACTED] indicated in [REDACTED] message that BJS does not have any funds available for such an effort, given that all of their budget enhancements related to this issue have been either reduced or rejected.

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Subject

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Date

04-12-2001

To

██████████ □ Chief, ADS

From

██████████ □ Chief, ADSA

I called ██████████ at the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) yesterday to inquire as to the progress of their joint effort with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) to collect data for use in establishing our baseline measures. ██████████ told me that no progress has been made, due in part to the fact that BTS recently fired the contractor that they had hired to do this work. When I reminded ██████████ that the final report was due at the end of next month, ██████████ indicated that ██████████ believed they may be able to do a site visit at an airport sometime in the next few weeks, although no final determination has yet been made as to where that site might be. I asked ██████████ to keep me informed of their progress, and ██████████ agreed to do so.