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Subject: more re vulnerability study

The timetable in the Presidential Directive calls for OMB, GSA and the Level I-III and non-GSA agencies to consult regarding funding mechanisms by Feb. 1, 1996. Bob Litan called to say that the Chief of Staff has directed OMB to do more than just "consult." Within 60 days thereafter, it is to actually identify funding for the costs of the security upgrades. Progress!



Office of the Deputy Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

June 27, 1995

The Honorable Alice M. Rivlin  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
Room 252  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Ms. Rivlin:

On June 28, 1995, the Department of Justice will submit to the President and make public its report entitled Vulnerability Assessment of Federal Facilities. The President requested the vulnerability study the day after the bombing of the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City.

The study makes a number of recommendations, the most important of which is that each federal facility be brought up to the security standards recommended in the report. Most federal facilities currently lack some of the recommended security features. This is due primarily to the fact that, heretofore, security plans and construction standards did not take into account today's heightened risk of bombings and other acts of terrorism.

When I recently briefed Chief of Staff Leon Panetta and Deputy Chief Erskine Bowles about the anticipated contents of our study, they requested that the Department of Justice prepare a Presidential Directive requesting that each agency, where feasible, upgrade the minimum security standards of its facilities to those recommended in the report. They also requested that the Directive include a timetable for implementation by the General Services Administration, the Office of Management and Budget, and the other relevant federal agencies.

The attached Presidential Directive directs the agencies to make the necessary security upgrades, describes the role of GSA and OMB in the process, and sets out a timetable for so doing. It has been carefully coordinated between my office and OMB staff.

The Honorable Alice M. Rivlin  
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Mr. Panetta requested that we prepare the Directive for the President's signature early tomorrow, so that I can refer to it when I brief the press at 1:30 p.m. I would be grateful if you would present it to the President for his consideration.

Sincerely,



Jamie S. Gorelick

## UPGRADING SECURITY AT FEDERAL FACILITIES

I have received from the Department of Justice a Study entitled, *Vulnerability Assessment of Federal Facilities*. In order to ensure adequate security for federal facilities, I am adopting immediately a number of the recommendations of the Department of Justice Study.

I hereby direct that:

1. Each federal facility shall, where feasible, be upgraded to the minimum security standards recommended for its security level by the Department of Justice Study;
2. All agencies shall immediately begin upgrading their facilities to meet the recommended minimum security standards, to the extent possible within currently available funding;
3. By October 15, 1995, the General Services Administration (GSA), those agencies with facilities in Security Level IV GSA space, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) shall identify funding, no later than in the FY97 budget cycle, for the cost of upgrading Level IV facilities to the minimum security standards recommended by the Department of Justice Study;
4. By February 1, 1996, GSA and all federal agencies shall consult with OMB regarding funding mechanisms for upgrading all remaining federal facilities to the minimum security standards recommended by the Department of Justice Study; and
5. All federal agencies shall adhere to the attached timetable for implementing this directive.

I also have directed OMB to review the remaining recommendations of the Department of Justice Study, and to advise me within thirty days concerning the implementation of those recommendations.

**TIMETABLE  
FOR UPGRADING SECURITY AT FEDERAL FACILITIES**

- . All agencies shall immediately begin upgrading their facilities to meet recommended minimum security standards, to the extent possible within currently available funding Immediate
- . GSA shall establish Building Security Committees for all Level IV GSA facilities 7/15/95
- . GSA shall establish Building Security Committees for all Level I-III GSA facilities 8/31/95
- . Agencies with non-GSA space shall establish programs for upgrading their facilities to appropriate security standards 8/31/95
- . Level IV Committees shall make requests to GSA for security upgrades to meet recommended minimum security standards 9/1/95
- . GSA shall review and determine appropriateness of Level IV Committee requests; GSA shall advise Level IV tenant agencies of portion of approved requests that will be charged to their agencies through increased rents 10/1/95
- . GSA, Level IV tenant agencies and OMB shall identify funding, no later than in the FY97 budget cycle, for the cost of upgrading security for Level IV facilities 10/15/95
- . Level I-III Committees shall make requests to GSA for security upgrades to meet recommended minimum security standards 12/31/95
- . GSA shall consult with Level I-III tenant agencies, and with OMB, regarding funding mechanisms for security upgrades 2/1/96
- . Agencies with non-GSA space shall consult with OMB regarding funding mechanisms for security upgrades for their facilities 2/1/96



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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On April 20, 1995, the day following the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, you directed the Department of Justice to assess the vulnerability of federal office buildings to acts of terrorism and other forms of violence. Attached is our study of current conditions, and our recommendations for steps to be taken to address current threat levels.

To gather data on current vulnerability, Deputy United States Marshals and General Services Administration security specialists conducted site visits to over 1300 federal facilities constituting the typical single or multi-tenant building in which about 750,000 federal employees work. While the site visits were being conducted, the Marshals Service assembled a team of security experts from throughout the federal government to recommend appropriate minimum security standards for various types of federal facilities.

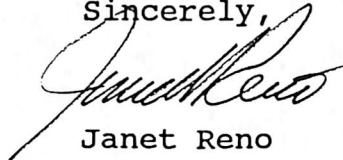
Federal facilities vary from small, store-front offices with less than ten employees, such as a military recruiting office, to a facility such as the headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency with thousands of employees and a highly critical national security mission. Since security needs differ widely depending on such factors as the number of employees and agency mission, this team of security experts divided federal facilities into five levels, based generally on these factors. It then recommended the minimum security features that should be in place at each level facility.

The principal recommendation of the study is that, where feasible, each federal facility should be upgraded to the recommended minimum standards. Our study sets out proposed time tables to accomplish that upgrading, and also makes a number of other recommendations regarding the establishment of local Building Security Committees and an Interagency Security Committee, and the roles of the General Services Administration and the Federal Protective Service.

It is not surprising, of course, that many of the facilities in the survey currently lack some of the recommended security. Many buildings were built at a time when the potential risk of terrorism and other forms of crime was not as great as it is today, and tight security may have been seen as inconsistent with making the facility easily accessible to serve the public. But we believe that our practices should be adjusted to meet present-day risks, and that the standards we have recommended are the best way to do that.

Everyone in the Department of Justice who worked on this project hopes that the study will be of value to you and to our nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janet Reno", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Janet Reno



Office of the Deputy Attorney General  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Senator:


I am pleased to provide a copy of a report entitled Vulnerability Assessment of Federal Facilities, which the Department of Justice transmitted to the President yesterday. On April 20, 1995, the day after the bombing of the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City, the President directed the Attorney General to conduct this assessment of the security needs of federal facilities across the country.

We are available to brief the relevant Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or have a member of your staff contact Roger Adams of my staff (514-2707).

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