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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

FROM: Jo Ann Harris  
Assistant Attorney General

SUBJECT: Cessation of U.S. Marshals Service Details at Abortion Clinics

PURPOSE: To recommend that U.S. Marshals Service details be ended at thirteen (13) clinics; scaled back at three (3) clinics; and maintained at the remaining eight (8) clinics at this time.

TIMETABLE: Immediate

DISCUSSION: Currently, the U.S. Marshals Service provides daytime details to twenty-four (24) clinics throughout the United States. On November 22, 1994, Eduardo Gonzalez, Director of the U.S. Marshals Service, sent a memorandum to the Attorney General proposing that details be withdrawn from all twenty-four (24) clinics (copy attached).

At your request, the Criminal Division has evaluated the U.S. Marshals Service proposal. Even though there is no indication of planned violence or an increased threat to the clinics, we do not believe that a complete cessation of details is advisable at this time. However, based on the information from the U.S. Marshals Service, we recommend that U.S. Marshals Service details be withdrawn completely from thirteen (13) clinics; scaled back at three (3) clinics; and maintained at the remaining eight (8) clinics. With respect to these eight (8) clinics, we recommend that details be limited to those times when employees or patients are present at the clinics. Details would not be required on those days that the clinics are not occupied, such as holidays. Following is a list of clinics in each category.

Complete Suspension of Daytime Details

1. Center for Choice - Mobile, AL

3. Women's Community Health Center - Little Rock, AR
4. Hillcrest Women's Surgery Center - Washington, DC
5. Women's Health Organization Clinic - Ft. Wayne, IN
6. Dobbs Ferry Clinic - Dobbs Ferry, NY
7. Choice - New York, NY
8. Houston Women's Clinic - Houston, TX
9. West Loop Clinic - Houston, TX
10. Milwaukee Health Clinic - Milwaukee, WI
11. Planned Parenthood - Milwaukee, WI
12. Summit Women's Health Center - Milwaukee, WI
13. Affiliated Medical Services - Milwaukee, WI

Scaled Back Detail Coverage

1. Women's Health Care PA, Wichita, Ks

The detail assigned directly to the clinic will be ended. The protective detail assigned to [redacted] the clinic's abortion service provider, will remain. This will afford the clinic coverage when abortions are being provided.

2. Wichita Family Planning Clinic - Wichita, KS

Details will be provided only on Fridays and Saturdays, the days when the clinic is seeing patients.

3. Commonwealth Women's Clinic - Falls Church, VA

Details will be provided on Saturdays and on notice from the Clinic on significant dates (such as the anniversary of Roe v. Wade). This schedule has been suggested by the clinic.

Full Daytime Details Maintained

1. Women's Medical Center - Pensacola, FL
2. Ladies Center - Pensacola, FL
3. Aware Women's Clinic - Melbourne, FL
4. Planned Parenthood - Des Moines, IA

6. Gulf Coast Women's Clinic - Gulfport, MS
7. Fargo Women's Health Center - Fargo, ND
8. Planned Parenthood - Houston, TX

With respect to the eight (8) clinics where we recommend maintaining full coverage and the three (3) clinics receiving scaled back details, the Criminal Division will work with the U.S. Marshals Service and the Deputy Attorney General's Office to develop a strategy for complete cessation of details as soon as is appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION: That you approve this recommendation for the deployment of U.S. Marshals.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_



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November 22, 1994

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

THROUGH: THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: EDUARDO GONZALEZ  
DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: MARSHALS SERVICE RESPONSE TO ANTI-ABORTION ACTIVITY

The Marshals Service has suspended nighttime details at the 24 abortion clinics which were placed under 24-hour federal protection on July 30. We have been in constant contact with the clinics and there is no indication of an increased threat to or planned violence against any of these facilities. We are, therefore, seeking your approval to suspend daytime protection details at all 24 clinics.

Per the Assistant Attorney General's request, the districts have once again contacted each clinic to ascertain their reaction to the suspension of protective details. The clinic-by-clinic responses are as follows:

1. **Center for Choice**  
Mobile, AL (S/AL)

[redacted] spoke with clinic operator [redacted] who advised that she has taken the necessary steps to ensure security at the clinic after the deputy marshals leave. [redacted] the Mobile Police Department, indicated that the Department is prepared to handle the situation.

2. **Arkansas Health Counseling**  
Little Rock, AR (E/AR)

[redacted] spoke with clinic operator [redacted] who stated that he enjoys the Marshals Service presence, that it has been comforting to know they are there; however, they have been

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served well by the Little Rock Police Department and will be fine with the quick response from the Department.

3. **Women's Community Health Center**  
Little Rock, AR (E/AR)

[redacted] spoke with clinic operator [redacted] she stated that "they were surprised we had not withdrawn previously, that the withdrawal is overdue." [redacted] feels that continuing to guard the clinics is a waste of Marshals Service time and of taxpayer dollars. She also stated that she has a real problem in Springfield with one particular protestor, yet she has no assistance there where she believes it is needed. She commented that she would be relieved for the Marshals Service to withdraw, that the presence of deputy marshals is "dampening her business."

[redacted] spoke with [redacted] he stated that the Department will continue to provide the appropriate response to the clinics. (Both clinic operators expressed concern about isolated incidents, however, they believe that the Little Rock Police Department has always served them well.

4. **Hillcrest Women's Surgery Center**  
Washington, D.C. (D/DC)

[redacted] spoke with clinic operator [redacted] who stated that they expected the withdrawal and appreciated the services that have been rendered.

[redacted] spoke with [redacted] Metropolitan Police Department, who requested that they be notified of withdrawal of protective details so that the Department can take appropriate action. The Department will give special attention to the clinic and will respond to clinic emergencies.

5. **Women's Medical Center**  
Pensacola, FL (N/FL)

[redacted] spoke with clinic director [redacted] She requested that deputy marshals be present on the days that abortions are performed, approximately eight days per month. She believes that Pensacola is still a volatile area, but is reassured that [redacted] has spoken with the local police and has been assured of their continued commitment to the clinic.

## 6. Ladies Center

Pensacola, FL (N/FL)

[redacted] spoke with [redacted] whose response was the same as [redacted] of the Women's Medical Center. Both operators requested notification before actual withdrawal.

[redacted] spoke with [redacted] of the Pensacola Police Department. He stated that naturally they preferred that the Marshals Service continue its presence, but in the event that deputy marshals were withdrawn, the Department would continue to provide special attention to the clinics and respond to any incidents or emergencies. [redacted] also requested prior notification of protective details.

## 7. Aware Women's Clinic

Melbourne, FL (M/FL)

[redacted] spoke with [redacted] the clinic owners. Their response is similar to past responses; since the Marshals Service has been at the clinic, things have calmed down and even the demonstrations have attracted smaller turnouts. He feels that as soon as the Marshals Service leaves, the demonstrations will increase and that they may get more physical.

[redacted] is surprised that protective details have been in place so long. [redacted] is concerned about the recent shooting of the doctor in Canada; she remains apprehensive about the deputy marshals leaving. She also indicated her concern over the timing of any downsizing since she alleges a higher potential for activity during the holidays, especially around Christmas.

[redacted] spoke with [redacted] Melbourne Police Department, who indicated that the Department will continue normal patrols and security checks and will continue to assign an officer to be present outside the clinic on scheduled surgery days. The Department will respond to any emergency or call as required.

## 8. Women's Health Organization Clinic

Ft. Wayne, IN (N/IN)

[redacted] spoke with [redacted] the clinic's director, who expressed no specific concerns about the pending withdrawal of protective details.

[redacted] spoke with Ft. Wayne Police Department [redacted] who had no problem with the suspension of protective details. He indicated that police are assigned to the clinic every Thursday, when the doctor is

there to perform abortions. The Department will continue regular contact and agreed to continue sharing information.

9. **Planned Parenthood**  
Des Moines, IA (S/IA)

[redacted] spoke with [redacted] who stated that since the clinic is a test site for the drug RU-486, "we would be extremely unhappy if you pulled out now. We feel this is a volatile situation, and we would be extremely concerned for our staff and patients if you were to withdraw at this time." [redacted] also expressed concern about local protestors [redacted] [redacted] he believes both men are potential risks to patients and staff.

[redacted] spoke with Des Moines Police Department [redacted] [redacted] he had no concerns about the suspension of protective details. The Department will respond to situations at the clinic as it has in the past.

10. **Women's Health Care PA**  
Wichita, KS (D/KS)

[redacted] spoke with clinic office manager [redacted] who stated that she still believes that there is a threat against [redacted] and that the Marshals Service is a deterrent to that threat. [redacted] believes that the reason that there has not been another attempt on [redacted] life is because of the protective details at the clinic and the portal-to-portal detail for [redacted] She expressed appreciation for the Marshals Service being there; [redacted] indicated that the clinic now has three security people on staff.

11. **Wichita Family Planning Clinic**  
Wichita, KS (D/KS)

[redacted] spoke with clinic operator [redacted] who stated that they will "feel less secure." She stated that they did not need Marshals Service help on days when they are not seeing patients, but that they would like to have deputy marshals there on Fridays and Saturdays, if possible. She indicated that "the doctor feels more secure when the Marshals Service is protecting the clinic."

[redacted] Wichita Police Department, advised [redacted] that they will respond to any and all clinic emergencies.



12. **New Women's Medical Center**  
Jackson, MS (S/MS)

[redacted] spoke with clinic owner [redacted] who stated that most of the detail "is on [redacted] so it really wouldn't matter." She continues to be concerned about [redacted] a protestor who is there every day and is a friend of [redacted] [redacted] has praised [redacted] actions. She suggested that even McMillan's family is concerned about what he might do because of his medical condition. [redacted] is believed to have cancer, although that has not been confirmed).

[redacted] spoke with [redacted] Jackson Police Department, who sees no problem with the Marshals Service suspending protective details. The Precinct four squad continues to watch the clinic and the Intelligence Unit monitors any and all possible threats. They will respond to any emergency or call for assistance.

13. **Gulf Coast Women's Clinic**  
Gulfport, MS (S/MS)

[redacted] spoke with clinic owner [redacted] who stated that he did not think it would be a good idea to withdraw the deputy marshals. He still considers [redacted] [redacted] to be a threat, and "being close to Pensacola makes it an even greater threat." [redacted] said he doesn't believe that the timing is right and that the threat is greater than ever.

[redacted] Gulfport Police Department, stated that the Department will respond to any emergency or requests for assistance.

14. **Dobbs Ferry Clinic**  
Dobbs Ferry, NY (S/NY)

[redacted] spoke with the clinic's owner, Dr. Steve Kaali, and its director, [redacted] [redacted] indicated that he did not expect the Marshals Service to stay forever.

[redacted] spoke with [redacted] Dobbs Ferry Police Department, who stated that "he wished the Marshals Service could stay longer. I was glad to have the assistance. I am surprised that you stayed this long." On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays (the days that abortions are performed) a marked scout car is stationed at the clinic, on all other days, the Department provides special attention patrols.



15. **Choice**  
New York, NY (E/NY)

[redacted] spoke with [redacted] the clinic's executive director. [redacted] stated that the clinic had been relatively calm, although there was an incident on November 21. A male caller stated that he would kill clinic employees if his relative had her abortion at the clinic. [redacted] indicated that this type of threat was routinely received by the clinic and that she had not reported the threat to the Marshals Service or to the local police.

[redacted] spoke to [redacted] New York Police Department, 112 Precinct, who advised that the Department will continue to provide special response to the clinic as it has in the past.

16. **Fargo Women's Health Center**  
Fargo, ND (D/ND)

The District has been unable to speak with [redacted] the clinic administrator, about this particular follow up due to a blockade at the clinic on November 22; however, [redacted] had no objections to withdrawing protective details when she was last contacted about this subject. She indicated before that she would prefer to have security present on the days when the doctor is present.

The Fargo Police Department indicated before that Marshals Service protective details were a waste of time and money. They have had a standard procedure of increasing police presence during scheduled days for operations and providing emergency responses to any incidents.

17. **Houston Women's Clinic**  
Houston, TX (S/TX)

[redacted] spoke with clinic office manager [redacted] who indicated that it had been nice to have the deputy marshals on site, but that she was not opposed to suspending the details.

18. **Planned Parenthood**  
Houston, TX

[redacted] spoke with [redacted] the clinic's Deputy Director. She stated that she was worried, "we still have pending court action and now we have RU-486. I am seeing protestors now that I have not seen for a long time.

[redacted] is going to be sentenced on November 30, and [redacted] says this will be the beginning of the civil war. I guess we'll have to live with it."

19. **West Loop Clinic**  
Houston, TX

[redacted] spoke with clinic officer manager [redacted] who expressed that she was "disappointed because I like them. It's probably a personal thing. Just let me know before you quit."

With respect to the three preceding clinics, [redacted] Houston Police Department Public Disorder Unit, stated "I feel bad you guys were on those clinics. We have been fortunate here in Houston recently and have not had the problems that other cities have experienced. You have overdone it here." As soon as we terminate the protective details, the Houston Police Department will provide special patrol services to the clinics we have been protecting.

20. **Commonwealth Women's Clinic**  
Falls Church, VA (E/VA)

[redacted] spoke with the clinic's operations director, [redacted] who stated that demonstrators are very rare Mondays through Thursdays. There are occasional groups of demonstrators on Fridays and there are always demonstrators present on Saturdays. [redacted] feels that there is no problem with cutting back protective details except for Saturdays and significant dates, such as the anniversary date for Roe v. Wade. The clinic has trained escorts that he feels does an adequate job handling confrontations between opposing groups. He suggested a transitional period of discreet surveillance of one to two weeks as a test.

[redacted] Falls Church Police Department, indicated that the Department will handle clinic situations on a case-by-case basis. They do not have the manpower to provide special attention, however, they will continue to obtain intelligence and will investigate any suspicious activity.

21. **Milwaukee Health Clinic**  
Milwaukee, WI (E/WI)  
Owner: [redacted]

22. **Planned Parenthood**  
Milwaukee, WI  
Security Manager and Assistant  
Operations Manager: [redacted]

23. **Summit Womens Health Center**  
Milwaukee, WI  
Administrator: [redacted]

24. **Affiliated Medical Services**

Milwaukee, WI

Director: [redacted]

[redacted] spoke with clinic operators, who expressed appreciation for the protection provided by the Marshals Service. Each indicated that they believed that withdrawal of the protective details was long overdue and certainly not unexpected.

[redacted] spoke with [redacted] of the Milwaukee Police Department, who indicated that the Department was checking the clinics periodically and would continue to do so following the withdrawal of protective details. The Department has an excellent rapport with the clinic operators and their staff and they intend to continue to provide law enforcement services as needed.

If you approve our request for withdrawing daytime security details at the 24 clinics, we will remove the details at the end of the next business day after your approval. We will, of course, continue to monitor the situation at each location with a view toward reinstating a security detail if deemed appropriate.

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_