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To All Immigration Judges and Court Administrators:

As some of you already know, the Attorney General has implemented additional security procedures for certain cases in the Immigration Court. Those procedures require us to hold the hearings individually, to close the hearing to the public, and to avoid discussing the case or otherwise disclosing any information about the case to anyone outside the Immigration Court.

If any of these cases are filed in your court, you will be notified by OCIJ that special procedures are to be implemented. A more detailed set of instructions will be forwarded at that time to the judge handling the case and the court administrator. If you have questions about the handling of security arrangements for a particular case, you should contact your Assistant Chief Immigration Judge.

Although this is obviously a time of heightened security and concern, I am confident that each of us will remember our obligation to be fair and impartial in our dealings with everyone who comes to our courts. Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation.

Michael J. Creppy
Chief Immigration Judge

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