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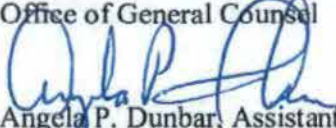
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL WARDENS

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SUBJECT:

TRULINCS Filter for Specific Emails

A new feature has been added to the Trust Fund Limited Inmate Computer System (TRULINCS) to allow users to filter out specific emails when conducting a search of an inmate's email activity. This feature does NOT affect the Bureau of Prisons' authority, or an institution's ability to monitor all email exchanges. Currently, individuals in the community, including attorneys, consent to having all emails, to and from an inmate, monitored and retained when he or she accepts the initial system-generated notification that an inmate wishes to add him or her to the inmate's contacts list and then proceeds to correspond with the inmate.

On occasion, SIS staff receive requests from law enforcement officials for an inmate's email exchanges with members of the public. In response to these requests, SIS staff search the inmate's TRULINCS account, generate a file containing the emails, and release the file to the requesting law enforcement entity. In recent years, concerns have been expressed that emails between inmates and attorneys should not be included in this production and should be considered "privileged communications."

The BOP has added a feature to the search functions on TRULINCS that allows staff to filter out emails sent to and received from a specific email address. This feature allows staff to produce emails for law enforcement while excluding specific email addresses from the requested search such as email accounts belonging to attorneys. The requesting law enforcement officials will be expected to provide the specific, correct email address that is to be excluded from the search. BOP staff will not be expected to determine or verify the email address provided by the requesting law enforcement official. In addition, the requesting law enforcement entities will be responsible for verifying that no emails from the attorney were included in the production. Further guidance on this subject will be issued by the Correctional Programs Division.

SIS staff should contact (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov or (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for any issues regarding the functionality of this program. Otherwise, please contact your Consolidated Legal Center staff or Regional Counsel if you have questions.

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