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STATEMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION

DOI is absolutely seeking facts and doing interviews and is looking for answers. We're not going to give piecemeal information because things are fluid. No further information will be released until we know the facts and circumstances of a matter that began four years ago that involves many people who are no longer in City government and involves archived records.

Regarding background investigations, this Administration expects new hires; promotions or transfers to trigger the background process. Today, individuals who must undergo background investigations include Agency Commissioners, Board Members, Commission Members, all managerial positions, individuals earning more than \$80,000 annually, all individuals involved in City contracts and individuals who work on the City's sensitive computer programs.

DOI's findings thus far indicate that Bernard Kerik did not fill out a background form when he was appointed Police Commissioner, although he filled one out in 1998 when he became Commissioner of the Department of Correction. Although Mr. Kerik did not fill out the background form, we have been told that there was communication between City Hall and DOI regarding Mr. Kerik's appointment to Police Commissioner.

The White House did not contact DOI before or after Mr. Kerik's nomination to Secretary of Homeland Security.

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