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Criminal Justice Information Infrastructure

WHEREAS, the President has called for the development of, "broadband interactive telecommunications networks linking the nation's businesses, schools, libraries, hospitals, governments and other"; and

WHEREAS, the President has called for the development of information superhighway initiatives and other information infrastructure initiatives, including comprehensive planning and funding, for the development of information systems in many sectors of the economy; and

WHEREAS, SEARCH and state and local criminal justice information agencies, in cooperation with federal criminal justice agencies, the FBI, the FBI's Advisory Policy Board and others, has worked to develop the information infrastructure for the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, further investment in this infrastructure, including the sharing of information and connectivity among criminal justice agencies are a primary challenge now facing criminal justice information management;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President, the Department of Justice and the Congress should make criminal justice information infrastructure a priority, including the development of a comprehensive plan and funding for the continued development of state-of-the-art, compatible and comprehensive criminal justice information systems and telecommunications linkages to improve the efficiency, cost effectiveness and the fairness of the criminal justice system.