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- November 1 to November 15: Extensive work by Star Mountain report production team and Office of the Executive Director on report layout, design, and production of the Task Force Report to Congress due December 2002.
- November 4-5: Executive Director site visits to Miami and Port Everglades Ports-of-Entry (POEs):
 - Executive Director's continuing outreach, coordination with field managers and industry, and information gathering efforts for future Task Force site visits.
- November 5-7: International Council of Cruise Lines (ICCL) conference in Miami:
 - Executive Director briefed and participated in a question and answer panel regarding the work of the Task Force, and continuing outreach and coordination efforts with industry.
- November 13: Executive Director briefings to White House Office of Homeland Security and Office of Science and Technology Policy:
 - Executive Director briefings and ongoing coordination efforts.
- November 17-22: Entry Exit Project Team (EEPT) West Coast site visits:
 - Office of the Executive Director's Chief Inspector, also a member of the EEPT, went on fact-finding visits with the EEPT to Vancouver, Canada; Peace Arch and Pacific Highway POEs in Blaine Washington; SanYsidro POE and Otay Mesa POE in California to examine and be briefed on port operations, pre-inspection (Vancouver), INSPASS, SENTRI, NEXUS, and the visa issuing process (U.S. Consulate, Vancouver).
 - Continued coordination efforts with field managers and EEPT.
- November 30: INS Commissioner James Ziglar's last day at INS and retirement from federal government service.
- December 2: Acting INS Commissioner Michael J. Garcia's begins his tenure at INS.



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- December 2: Close-out briefing on Task Force report at the Department of Justice (DOJ):
 - Executive Director and Counselor to the INS Commissioner briefed Task Force report to Office of the Deputy Attorney General and the Office of Legislative Affairs. Copies of the report for transmittal to Congress were delivered to DOJ December 4.
- December 3: Attorney General John Ashcroft signs DMIA Task Force charter renewal:
 - Office of the Executive Director worked with Department of Justice's Justice Management Division and Office of the Attorney General to renew Task Force charter, in order to complete statutory work.
- December 9-10: Task Force IT consultant Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) participates in *E-GOV* sponsored homeland security conference:
 - Diverse IT topics discussed such as: importance of IT systems integration, seaport security issues, and wireless technologies.
- December 11: INS Office Information Resources Management briefing:
 - Office of the Executive Director and LANL received briefings and update on INS information technology architecture called ATLAS and on the federal government efforts to integrate systems and databases into CHIMERA.
- December 12: DMIA Task Force teleconference:
 - Task Force administrative meeting to set a January 7 administrative planning meeting that will layout the scope of the work in 2003.
- January 3, 2003: Department of Justice clears DMIA Task Force report for transmittal to Congress, specifically to: the House Committee on the Judiciary, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, the House Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims and the Senate Subcommittee on Immigration, meeting the statutory requirement.

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