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To: [REDACTED]
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Date: Thursday, January 12, 2006 05:26AM
Subject: Re: LEX Authorized Staffing

Darryl,

Presently, LEX is authorized 19 CPCs, a number which is less than other comparable Level 7 facilities that operate 24 hours. Within our own Hub, CHA and TRI are funded at one less CPC than LEX but only operate part-time. Given the ETSA guidance to increase staffing on the midshift, I am requesting an increase in staffing to 21 CPCs. The justification for this request is based upon the following:

1. The agency has failed to approve LEX for a reduction in operating hours, a proposal originally submitted in 2004.
 2. An airspace reclassification is required at LEX before ZID can assume radar services on the midshift. That process will likely take a year (according to AEA-530) and approval is uncertain.
 3. The Service Area Director has directed LEX to immediately double staffing on the midshift.
 4. Despite the fact that ETSA endorsed a proposal to reduce operating hours at LEX, the Service Area Director will not grant LEX relief from this new staffing requirement.
 5. LEX is operating at staffing levels below that of similar Level 7 24 hour facilities. CAE, for example, is funded at 21 CPCs.
 6. The LEX support specialist is currently being scheduled operationally. Supervisors and CICs routinely work operating positions in combination with fulfilling oversight responsibilities. There is no more rubber band to stretch.
 7. Without a concurrent increase in facility staffing, the requirement to increase midshift staffing creates an overtime liability. The FY06 LEX OT budget included a request for \$17,000. An additional \$75,000 in OT will be needed to meet the ETSU midshift staffing mandate (approx. \$500 per day for April-Sept). This would put the LEX FY06 OT budget at \$92,000.
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8. The LEX FY05 funded number of CPCs was 20. We currently operate at 19.

For the above reasons, I am respectfully requesting an increase in staffing to 21 CPCs or a FY06 overtime budget not to exceed \$92,000.

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