

The following persons attended U.S. Sentencing Commission Meeting
September 9, 1986

Commissioners

Chairman William W. Wilkins, Jr.
Commissioner Benjamin F. Baer
Commissioner Michael Block
Judge Stephen Breyer
Commissioner Helen Corrothers
Commissioner Ronald Gainer
Judge George E. MacKinnon
Commissioner Ilene H. Nagel
Commissioner Paul H. Robinson

Staff

Denis J. Hauptly, General Counsel
Kay A. Knapp, Staff Director
Bill Rhodes, Research Director
John Steer, Chief Deputy General Counsel
Suzanne Conlon, Deputy General Counsel
David Tevelin, Deputy General Counsel
Mary Ellen Abrecht, Deputy General Counsel
Susan Hayes, Associate General Counsel
David Lombardero, Special Counsel
Peter Hoffman, Senior Research Associate
Marion Metcalf, Senior Policy Analyst
Alan Chaset, Parole Commission Representative
Paul Martin, Communications Director
Elizabeth H. Williams, Assistant Staff Director
Janet Fitzpatrick, Librarian

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The meeting was called to order. It was decided that all draft proposals for the upcoming publication of preliminary guidelines would be distributed by the close of Friday, September 19. Any drafts completed before that time would be distributed as they are finished. A Commission meeting on Monday, September 22 was tentatively scheduled to discuss any changes in the proposed draft that would be included for publication.

It was agreed that the phrase "base offense value" would be substituted for "base harm value" in the draft. Another format change was to substitute "specific offense characteristics" for "aggravating factors" and "cross references" for "general aggravating factors."

It was agreed that there would be no prison impact assessment until guidelines were completed.

A list of drafting assignments were distributed so that written comments could be directed to the appropriate person.

It was decided that the document would be described as a tentative, preliminary draft published to elicit the widest possible range of public comment; and that the preliminary draft guidelines would be subject to amendment and revision by the Commission over the next six months. It was suggested that language such as "a majority of Commissioners voted to publish this draft" be included in the description of the publication. It was agreed that there would be numerous references to the preliminary nature of the draft.

The meeting was adjourned.