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The following persons attended U.S. Sentencing Commission meeting  
held September 23, 1986

Commissioners

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

Staff

Denis J. Hauptly, General Counsel  
John Steer, Chief Deputy General Counsel  
Suzanne Conlon, Deputy General Counsel  
Dave Tevelin, Deputy General Counsel  
Susan Hayes, Associate General Counsel  
Alan Chaset, Parole Commission Representative  
Paul Martin, Communications Director  
Elizabeth Williams, Special Assistant  
Janet Fitzpatrick, Librarian

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The meeting was called to order. A brief discussion of the publication of the preliminary draft guidelines took place. All final editing of grammar and punctuation was to be completed by Wednesday, September 24, and all amendments to the draft were to be given to Charles Betsey or Phyllis Newton, Research Associates.

The preliminary draft of the Sentencing Guidelines was to be published in the Federal Register on Tuesday, September 30. Concurrently, copies of the preliminary draft guidelines were to be mailed to all members of Congress, the Department of Justice and other federal agencies that have provided input to the Commission, all U.S. Attorneys, all Federal Public Defenders, all Chief Probation Officers, all Article III Judges, and any other individuals or organizations that have requested information or provided input to the Commission, including advisory groups and those who have testified at Commission hearings.

The Commission briefly discussed news releases. It was decided that a news release would be written and reviewed by all Commissioners.

Names of additional individuals or organizations to receive a copy of the preliminary draft guidelines were to be forwarded to Communications Director Paul Martin.

The meeting temporarily adjourned to attend the Commission's public hearing on plea negotiation.

The meeting reconvened at 2:30 p.m. A comparison of base offense values prepared by Susan Hayes was distributed.

Movements were made to amend some grammatical errors in the preliminary draft, and were adopted unanimously. Commissioner Corrothers moved that the preliminary draft guidelines be published. Commissioner Nagel seconded. All Commissioners voted "yes" except Commissioner Robinson, who abstained.

A Preamble to the preliminary draft guidelines to be published in the Federal Register was distributed. Since the Commission is legally obligated to publish the entire draft to comply with the Administrative Procedures Act, it was decided that the final draft would be published at a later time. The preliminary draft would not, and was not intended to, meet the requirements of the Act. All Commissioners agreed to the preliminary nature of the document and that it was to be published in order to elicit public comment.

The meeting was adjourned.