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## MEMORANDUM

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Subj: **COAST GUARD ACTION ORDER: INCREASING COAST GUARD  
OPERATIONAL PRESENCE AND FOCUS ON BORDER CONTROL AND  
PROTECTING THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE UNITED STATES**

Ref: (a) Executive Order Clarifying the Military's Role in Protecting the Territorial Integrity of the United States of 20 January 2025, Section 2  
(b) Proclamation Declaring a National Emergency at the Southern Border of the United States of 20 January 2025  
(c) Executive Order Designating Cartels and Other Organizations as Foreign Terrorist Organizations and Specially Designated Global Terrorists of 20 January 2025  
(d) Proclamation Guaranteeing the States Protection Against Invasion of 20 January 2025  
(e) Executive Order Protecting the American People Against Invasion of 20 January 2025  
(f) Executive Order Securing Our Borders of 20 January 2025

1. Pursuant to references (a) through (f), I am directing you to immediately initiate actions to increase United States Coast Guard operational presence and focus on the U.S. maritime borders and approaches to ensure the territorial integrity of the United States, in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Defense, with immediate focus starting with:

- a. The southeast U.S. border approaching Florida to deter and prevent a maritime mass migration from Haiti and/or Cuba;
- b. The maritime border around Alaska, Hawai'i, and the U.S. territories of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands;
- c. The maritime border between the Bahamas and south Florida;
- d. The southwest maritime border between the U.S. and Mexico in the Pacific;
- e. The maritime border between Texas and Mexico in the Gulf of America; and
- f. Support to Customs and Border Protection on maritime portions of the Southwest U.S. border.

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2. Take immediate action to increase force presence (cutters, aircraft, boats, and deployable specialized forces) and sustainment in coordination with DHS, other agencies, and Homeland Security Task Forces.
3. Additional orders and guidance will follow.

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