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Letter of Transmittal

This Sentencing Guideline Manual is being issued in a loose-leaf form to facilitate use and the incorporation of future amendments.

Since submission of its guidelines to Congress, the Sentencing Commission has conducted extensive clinical testing. These sessions have produced useful suggestions for clarifying and reorganizing the commentary. Some of the suggestions have been incorporated into the commentary appearing in this manual. The format has been changed to place commentary directly under the relevant guideline paragraph. Changes in commentary are not intended to make substantive changes in the application of the guidelines and have been made only to increase understanding and clarity.¹

No changes of any kind have been made in reproducing the guidelines, except for correcting three typographical errors.²

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¹ While the Commission's express intent is not to make any substantive changes, if a court finds that a particular change is substantive, the commentary on that point contained in the April 13, 1987, publication (incorporating technical, clarifying, and conforming amendments submitted to Congress May 1, 1987) would be controlling.

² The following typographical errors were corrected in the guidelines:

§2R1.1. "substract" was corrected to read "subtract."

§3D1.2(d) "§2K3.3" was corrected to read "§2K2.3."

§2X1.1(b)(3) "if the" was corrected to read "i.e., the."