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 MEMORANDUM

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 THRU : TDCA
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 FROM : TDIDM *[Signature]*
 SUBJECT : Facial Composite
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1. This pertains to the ongoing efforts of this Directorate to standardize investigative procedures and processes. This includes the need to standardize the terminology used by the PNP to refer to the facial image of a suspect or any other person that would be generated from a description provided by a witness especially in the investigation of sensational or major cases.
2. The unofficial term currently and commonly being used by our field offices to refer to the image is "CARTOGRAPHIC SKETCH". However, based on extensive consultation, this term is not appropriate for what it intends to portray because cartography as defined in Wikipedia means the study and practice of making maps.
3. At present, the PNP Crime Laboratory is using the term "COMPUTERIZED CRIMINAL COMPOSITE ILLUSTRATION (CCCI)" to refer to a computer generated image based on actual description of a witness. However, CCCI only refers to criminals and as such not appropriate for other subjects. Moreover, according to the Crime Laboratory, CCCI is a brand name thus, its use might be misconstrued as promoting the brand.
4. Research efforts found "FACIAL COMPOSITE" as the more suitable term for the image drawn to portray the face of a person because of the following reasons:
 - a. The term "FACIAL COMPOSITE (FC)" is industry generic, easily recalled and understood; and

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b "FACIAL COMPOSITE" as found in Wikipedia means a graphical representation of an eyewitness memory of face, as recorded by a composite artist.

6. After consultation and coordination made by DIDM with the Crime Laboratory, it was agreed that "FACIAL COMPOSITE" is the more appropriate term because of its generic nature as it could apply not only to criminals but to other subjects as well

7. In view of the foregoing, recommend that the term "FACIAL COMPOSITE (FC)" be adopted PNP-wide to refer to the hand drawing in lieu of "CARTOGRAPHIC SKETCH" and "COMPUTERIZED FACIAL COMPOSITE (CFC)" be used when the image is produced by a computer in lieu of CCCL.

8. Request approval prior to dissemination.


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