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The NIJ sub-committee has continued to work on our draft report defining the "unique" role of NIJ in research in OJP and the DOJ more generally. We developed an additional draft of the report after receiving feedback from agency heads and NIJ staff. We also had a full sub-committee meeting in which the memo was discussed. However, it was decided by the sub-committee that additional work was needed, especially in examining present NIJ work responsibilities, staffing, and budget. Accordingly, a committee meeting of the subcommittee with senior NIJ staff and the NIJ director has been organized for the day before the upcoming SAB meeting. The report will be submitted for the next SAB meeting in 2013.

The Sub-committee also met with senior NIJ staff regarding a long-term role for the subcommittee. It was decided to meet about a month after the upcoming SAB meeting to go over the draft report on the unique research role of NIJ and to begin to define specific activities and resources that would be needed for NIJ to improve its capacity for research leadership in the OJP.