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DATE-TIME 28 April 97 15:17
FROM Kreczko, Alan J.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: Human Rights Executive Order [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Malley, Robert
CARBON_COPY Baker, James E.
Hunerwadel, Joan S.
Kreczko, Alan J.
Sparks, John E.

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I'd add a little more. See suggestions below.

From: Malley, Robert
To: Kreczko, Alan J.
CC: /R, Record at A1
Subject: Human Rights Executive Order [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Monday, April 28, 1997 12:10 PM

Alan,

Rather than a formal memo (a response to which, I have learned, will take several weeks), I propose sending the following e-mail to SRB, with your concurrence:

"Sandy,

The State Department Legal Advisor's Office has submitted to us a draft executive order pursuant to which the President would direct certain steps to implement our human rights treaty obligations (including under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination).

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treaties we ratify; and (3) responding to country or individual complaints in international fora that the USG is not fulfilling its obligations under the convention. From prior State Department days, Alan Kreczko attests to the difficulty the State Department has encountered in getting domestic agencies to take these matters seriously.

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RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize us to begin consultations with the inter-agency regarding the proposed executive order on implementation of our human rights treaty obligations.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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DATE-TIME 28 April 97 22:14
FROM Cicio, Kristen K.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: Executive Order on Human Rights Treaties [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Malley, Robert
CARBON_COPY Bass, Peter E.
Helweg, M. Diana
Hill, Roseanne M.
Kreczko, Alan J.
Letts, Kelly J.
Lorin, Matthew E.
Ragan, Richard F.
Rim, Julie J.
Schwartz, Eric P.
Veit, Katherine M.

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Rob,

SRB approves recommendation.

From: Malley, Robert
To: Berger, Samuel
CC: /R, Record at A1; Kreczko, Alan J.; Schwartz, Eric P.; @NSA - Natl
Security Advisor
Subject: Executive Order on Human Rights Treaties [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Monday, April 28, 1997 03:54 PM

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