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The Honorable Jesse Helms
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-3301

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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The Honorable John W. Warner
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-4601

Enclosure

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The Honorable Strom Thurmond
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-4001

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The Honorable Fred Thompson
Chairman
Committee on Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-4204

Enclosure

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The Honorable Craig Thomas
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-5003

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The Honorable Robert C. Smith
Chairman
Select Committee on Ethics
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-2903

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The Honorable Richard C. Shelby
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Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
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The Honorable Jeff Sessions
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-0104

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The Honorable Rick Santorum
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-3804

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The Honorable Don Nickles
Majority Whip
United States Senate
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The Honorable Frank H. Murkowski
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Chairman
Committee on Rules and Administration
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-1702

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 26, 1999

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The Honorable Connie Mack
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-0904

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The Honorable Trent Lott
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Jon Kyl
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-0304

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The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-4304

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The Honorable Tim Hutchinson
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-0403

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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The Honorable Chuck Hagel
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-2705

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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Special Committee on Aging
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-1501

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The Honorable Rod Grams
United States Senate
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The Honorable Bill Frist
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The Honorable Mike DeWine
United States Senate
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The Honorable Michael D. Crapo
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The Honorable Larry E. Craig
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The Honorable Paul Coverdell
United States Senate
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The Honorable Sam Brownback
United States Senate
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The Honorable John R. Ashcroft
United States Senate
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The Honorable Spencer Abraham
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-2203

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Human Rights Treaties to Which the United States is a Party

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The Convention to Suppress the Slave Trade and Slavery of September 25, 1926, as amended by a Protocol of December 7, 1953;

The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide of December 9, 1948;

The Inter-American Convention on the Granting of Political Rights to Women of March 17, 1949;

The Convention on the Political Rights of Women of March 31, 1953;

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The Convention Concerning the Abolition of Forced Labor of June 25, 1957 (ILO Convention 105);

The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination of December 21, 1965;

The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of December 16, 1966;

The Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees of January 31, 1967; and

The Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment of December 10, 1984.

The Honorable Spencer Abraham
United States Senate
329 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-2203

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The Honorable Jesse Helms
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The Honorable Tim Hutchinson
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284 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Jon Kyl
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The Honorable Trent Lott
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The Honorable Connie Mack
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Washington, D.C. 20510-2903

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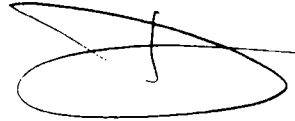
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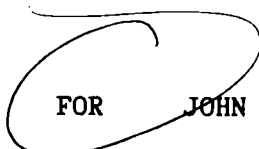
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REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 29, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER
LARRY STEIN(K) m
JTS

SUBJECT:

Implementation of Human Rights Treaties

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3-29-99 /

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Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

March 19, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: ERIC SCHWARTZ *DS for ES*

FROM: SCOTT BUSBY *DS for SB*

SUBJECT: Implementation of Human Rights Treaties

Attached is a memorandum to the President and a response to a letter from Senator Helms and 28 other Senators on the above subject.

Concurrence by: Caroline Krass, Mark Tavlarides *3 by email*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached memorandum.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Proposed Response
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Office of the Staff Secretary
From: NSC Exec Sec

For Pre-clearance.

Date of Letters

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NSC OK BUT DIDN'T WE DO THIS AHEAD?
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June B

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Again, thank you for writing and sharing your concerns with me on this issue.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Jesse Helms
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Enclosure

Human Rights Treaties to Which the United States is a Party

The Agreement for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic of May 18, 1904, as amended by a Protocol of May 4, 1949;

The Convention to Suppress the Slave Trade and Slavery of September 25, 1926, as amended by a Protocol of December 7, 1953;

The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide of December 9, 1948;

The Inter-American Convention on the Granting of Political Rights to Women of March 17, 1949;

The Convention on the Political Rights of Women of March 31, 1953;

The Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery of September 7, 1956;

The Convention Concerning the Abolition of Forced Labor of June 25, 1957 (ILO Convention 105);

The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination of December 21, 1965;

The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of December 16, 1966;

The Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees of January 31, 1967; and

The Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment of December 10, 1984.

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

1091

February 5, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

A little over one month ago, on December 10, 1998, you signed Executive Order 13107 regarding the Implementation of Human Rights Treaties. The State Department contends that the Executive Order was in part intended to commemorate the anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, and to bring coordination to U.S. reporting requirements contained in certain treaties to which the United States is a Party.

Nevertheless, Mr. President, we have great concerns about reports that the Executive Order is merely an extraconstitutional effort to implement treaties that have been signed but to which the United States Senate has never given advice and consent.

Immediately upon your signing the Executive Order a deluge of telephone calls from citizens across the country have flooded our offices expressing concerns that it is your intent to circumvent the Senate's constitutional role of advice and consent with your unilateral order. We therefore will appreciate your confirming in an official manner the following points:

- (1) the Executive Order applies exclusively to treaties that have entered into force for the United States by and with the advice and consent of the Senate;
- (2) the Executive Order does not implement any treaty, and only by enacting a statute may any of the non-self executing treaty provisions take on the force of U.S. law;
- (3) the current reservations, understandings, declarations, or provisos contained in the Senate's resolutions of ratification giving advice and consent to these

treaties can be reversed only with the Senate's advice and consent;

We will also appreciate your providing a list of the human rights treaties to which the Executive Order does apply.

We would be happy to clarify these issues in legislation if that would be more practical.

Sincerely,

Jersey Heems
Don Nickl

Strom Thurmond
J. E. King
Bill Evans

Walter Hager

Red Samson

T. H. Hesterlin

Tom Bailey Fitchman
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Bartlett, L. June

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To: @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs
Cc: @CROSS - Cross Hatches
Subject: Pckg 1091 - Congressional Letters [UNCLASSIFIED]

1091

SRB/Stein/Staff Secretary have approved the text of the letter in package 1091 -- Implementation of Human Rights Treaties. The additional letters and labels need to be prepared. I am sending you a copy of the approved package and diskette.

Please return the letters, labels, and diskette to ExecSec no later than Monday, March 29.

Per Staff Secretary, the letters should be dated March 26, 1999.

Thank you.

(Advance copy of letter below)

Also, can you print copies of the attachment for each outgoing letter (hard bond) - thanks.

June



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From: NSC Exec Sec

For Pre-clearance

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 16, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR GLYN T. DAVIES

NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: JANET MURGUIA
Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Attached are copies of letters sent to the President by various Members of Congress. Since these letters address national security issues, we would appreciate your assistance in drafting the responses.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call Eli Joseph at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) and twenty-eight other Senators, concerning Executive Order 13107,
- 2) Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL), concerning the President's recent meeting with Mexican President Zedillo and Operation Casablanca, and
- 3) Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX), concerning the production of oil in the Persian Gulf region.

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CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO:



PRESIDENT



NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

FROM:

Helms

PREPARE A RESPONSE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S OR NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE WITHIN 10 DAYS. IF A LETTER DOES NOT REQUIRE A RESPONSE, PLEASE RETURN IT TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT (RM 379) WITH THIS FORM, ANNOTATED ACCORDINGLY.

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WASHINGTON

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Committee on Foreign Relations

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