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MEMORANDUM

TO : HA - A/S John Shattuck

FROM : HA - George Lister

SUBJECT: Human Rights Work

In response to your request there are set forth briefly below some specific examples (limited to Unclassified) of how I expect to help in implementing our human rights policy during the coming year. Additional details and examples can be provided if desired. As I believe you know, my areas of foreign service specialization have been Eastern Europe (Russia and Poland) and Latin America. My Spanish is currently good, and I also speak Italian, Russian and French.

1. Taking human rights initiatives to make USG policy more supportive of democracy in specific countries (e.g. Chile, as discussed in my comments at the Ministry of Foreign Relations 1992 luncheon - Attachment 1).

2. Assisting other Bureaus to advance the human rights cause (e.g. the ARA/CEN June 16 memorandum - Attachment 2).

3. Improving USG policy by developing contact and cooperation with democratic parties and groups which are out of power and neglected or shunned by the USG (e.g. the Efficiency Report comments on relations with Kim Dae Jung of South Korea and Raul Manglapus of the Philippines - Attachments 3 and 4).

4. Placing useful human rights statements and information into the Congressional Record (e.g. your 1993 confirmation hearing statement - Attachment 5).

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5. Public speaking, with credibility, on our human rights policy (e.g. two speeches published by the Department, Attachments 6 and 7, plus comments on two other speeches, Attachments 8 and 9).

6. Winning recruits to the human rights cause (e.g. Attachments - 10-13).

7. Giving TV, radio and press interviews (e.g. I have broadcast to Cuba over Radio Marti, in Spanish, and you have a copy of my TV human rights interview of early this year; a copy of the November, 1992 La Nacion interview in Santiago is attached - Attachment 14).

8. Developing mutually useful relations with human rights visitors from around the world, often through Meridian International Center (e.g. the March, 1993 Meridian letter and enclosure, commenting on past such meetings - Attachment 15).

9. Developing mutually useful contact and cooperation with NGOs (e.g. the 1991 memorandum on my speech to the Inter-American Association for Democracy and Freedom - Attachment 16, and the excerpt from Diane LaVoy's 1988 speech, explaining how and why she created WOLA - Attachment 17). I have maintained an extensive Unclassified NGO file in my office.

10. Keeping our Embassies informed of significant NGO meetings and other relevant activities in Washington and the U.S. (e.g. Ambassador Stroock's letter of August, 1990 - Attachment 18).

11. Developing mutually useful relations with Embassies in Washington (e.g. my May 28 memorandum concerning Ambassador Mulet - Attachment 19, and the February, 1992 letter from Ambassador Lozoraitis, of Lithuania - Attachment 20).

12. Maintaining useful relations with former Communist Embassies, especially the Russian Embassy. I have been on good terms with Ambassador Vladimir Lukin since being invited to speak in Russia last year, and I have a close working relationship with his Human Rights Officer, Vera Gracheva. I have introduced her to many local NGOs.

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