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TO: ARA Office Directors ARA/AND ARA/MEX
FROM: ARA - George Lister *z* ARA/CAR ARA/PAN
SUBJECT: Human Rights Evaluation Reports ARA/CEN ARA/ECA

-- You will recall my May 18 memorandum (copy attached) on the Human Rights Country Action Plans. Since then several things have happened, and others have not happened.

Shortly after May 18, D/HA agreed to our request that each Bureau be allowed to decide where the first drafts of the Action Plans would be prepared, here or in the field. ARA Office Directors chose to have all first drafts, except those for Brazil and Uruguay, prepared in the field. D/HA agreed to that. Meanwhile, D/HA has been trying to send out the worldwide cable mentioned in the attached memorandum. However, a couple of days ago it was decided at a Departmental meeting that all first drafts would be prepared by the Regional Bureaus, and then worked out and cleared with D/HA and S/P, before sending out to the field for comment and recommendations. Also, it has been decided to call these papers Human Rights Evaluation Reports, not Country Action Plans. The outline remains the same.

ARA is now being asked to submit three first drafts by June 15, and to have as many as possible of the others ready by July 1. We have told D/HA that we will try to have the first drafts on Colombia, Peru and Brazil ready by June 15. We have chosen Colombia and Peru because ARA/AND pouched copies of the report outlines to the field, and Bogota and Lima have now cabled in first drafts. The Brazil Desk is nearing completion of a first draft.

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By *cam*, NARA, Date 12-19-06

Preparation of first drafts on all other countries should be started and completed as soon as possible. D/HA has been informed of the reasons why ARA will find it difficult to meet the July 1 deadline for quite a few countries, especially since it had been agreed that the first drafts for almost all countries would be prepared in the field, and thus very few drafts have been started.

Attachment:

Memorandum of May 18 "Human Rights: Country Action Plans"

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