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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Don:

Your letter has reached me on my last day in the Department. I am passing it along to Steve Palmer, who will be Acting Assistant Secretary and trust that it will be answered with despatch. It is my understanding that Charles Runyon of the Legal Department has been working on such a memorandum and that it is near completion. In addition, we have prepared a record of the last four years of the Interagency Working Group on Human Rights (known as the Christopher Group). If you think that this will aid you in your deliberations, please let Steve Palmer know.

I want to thank you for your steadfast support of human rights, the policy and this Bureau. Introducing a new factor into any department's fundamental program is a tough business and impossible without the support of the Congress. You have really done your share.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,
Patricia M. Derian

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