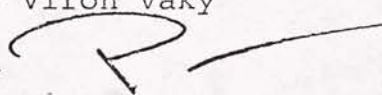




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MEMORANDUM

TO : ARA - Ambassador Viron Vaky  
FROM : HA - Patt Derian   
SUBJECT: 1978 Country Reports: Contribution  
by George Lister, ARA Human Rights  
Officer

With the submission of the 1978 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices accomplished, I want to express my appreciation and that of my colleagues in HA for the assistance which we received from George Lister during the entire process of preparing the reports.

Your Bureau led in timeliness throughout the process, and credit for this achievement -- and very substantial help to HA -- goes to George. More importantly, during the several months which were required for the preparation of the Country Reports, George was unfailing patient, actively seeking to insure that the final Reports met the Deputy Secretary's requirement that they be objective, specific and responsive. His steady delineation of ARA's concerns was of immense help to my colleagues; the quality of the ARA reports demonstrate that he was also fully able to explain HA's needs to members of your Bureau.

George performed a very difficult and sensitive task superlatively. I recognize that his dedication to seeing the Reports done well reflects his personal dedication to safeguarding and broadening human rights.

cc: PER/PE  
ARA - Mr. George Lister 