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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH : Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
FROM :
Director, Regional & Political Analysis
SUBJECT : Human Rights

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1. On 5 June, you asked for a country by country scorecard of worldwide performance on human rights since January 1977. Attached is a final draft of our response (and a copy of your request).

2. You should note particularly:

- a. The Summary Tables on page 4 of the report; and
- b. The Table at the end (pages A1-A8), which presents our judgments on the human rights performance of every independent country in the world with a population of over 175,000. The only populated areas not covered are territories that are not independent (e.g., Greenland, Hong Kong), or countries with very small populations (e.g., San Marino, Qatar). Overall, the Table--and the paper as a whole--cover all but 0.2 percent of the world's population.

3. Since you personally requested this report, we would like to have your comments before publishing. After we have your approval, we are also prepared to work up a Presidential briefing based on the report. Much of the data can be presented quite effectively on charts or maps.

4. In reviewing the paper, please be aware that some of our judgments on the human rights performance of nations are harsher than those of the Department of State. As you probably know, the State Department

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annually submits Country Reports on Human Rights Practices to the House International Relations Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The most recent compilation by State, which runs over 400 pages, was published last February. The State study does not compare countries, as our does, and in our view is too optimistic about the progress made on human rights in a number of countries. State's study also does not even cover the USSR, Eastern Europe, and certain other important countries including Argentina, Brazil and Chile. Finally, State's study is unclassified. Given the differences between it and our paper, there is some flap potential in ours if it leaks--or if it is issued in an unclassified version.

5. All Divisions of ORPA made major contributions to this paper. The analysts responsible for organizing and coordinating it are [redacted] of ORPA's International Issues Division.

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Attachments:
as stated

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*But pls stress:
Countries where US pressures are felt the most
have resulted
in regressions
where US & State desires
substantially*

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