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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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Human Rights. Cy's Law Day speech at the University of Georgia Law School has been dispatched to all our posts overseas with instructions that it be carefully reviewed as a comprehensive statement of the Administration's human rights policy, and widely distributed to the public and governmental officials in other nations. With this statement of policy on the record, we will follow-up to assure that the policy is effectively implemented, and will keep you informed of these efforts.

Colombian Cocaine Traffic. We are taking action on the disturbing reports that official corruption in Colombia is contributing to traffic in cocaine. Assistant Secretary Todman plans to raise this issue with President Lopez in Bogota on May 9. He will also prepare the way for a second approach ten days later by Mathea Falco, the Secretary's Adviser on Narcotics Matters. Subsequently, our Ambassador to Colombia will follow-up by proposing specific actions Lopez can take to deal with the problem. In the meantime, we will hold up delivery of three helicopters scheduled for shipment to Colombia under our narcotics program.

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Reaction to the Fuel Cycle Evaluation Program. Before and during this week's meeting of the Nuclear Suppliers Group in London, our delegation received encouraging reactions to your proposed international fuel cycle evaluation program. All of the Summit nations said that they will take part, thus paving the way for endorsement of the program in the Summit communique.

North Sea Oil Spill. In response to a request I received from the Norwegian Ambassador, two members of the Coast Guard's oil pollution strike team were sent to Norway on Thursday to assess the oil spill situation. The Coast Guard is prepared to send additional men and equipment if needed, and two Air Force C-141's are standing by to move them. Although late news today indicates that the well has been capped, the Coast Guard may still have a role in helping prevent the huge oil slick from reaching Norwegian shores.

Indonesian Parliamentary Elections. Indonesia's parliamentary elections will be held next Monday. Our embassy reports that the excitement generated by the campaign and the size of the crowds at the rallies have been greater than expected. The examples of recent elections in India and Pakistan are rallying the opposition and the government is running scared. Over the last two years, Suharto's strength has appeared to decline, and it may be that the electoral process will crystalize the mood in ways that unsettle the situation.

Some trouble is possible when the results begin to come in on May 3. Given the heightened expectations of the Moslem opposition, there are bound to be accusations of irregularities if the government party (GOLKAR) vote reaches or exceeds the 63 percent level it received in 1971. On the other hand, if the GOLKAR vote is significantly weaker than in 1971, that could be damaging to Suharto's long-term position at home and abroad.