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MEMORANDUM

TO: All United States Attorneys  
Section Chiefs/Office Directors  
Criminal Division

FROM: John C. Keeney  
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SUBJECT: Possible Detail of Federal Prosecutors to the  
United Nations for War Crimes Prosecutions

Pursuant to a Security Council resolution in May 1993, the United Nations is proceeding with plans to create an international tribunal to address alleged war crimes emanating from the conflict within the territory which formerly comprised Yugoslavia. It is possible that the U.N. will act in early September on the selection of the chief prosecutor as well as the judges for the tribunal. Once those selections are made, it will be necessary to staff the effort with prosecutors and investigators.

To assist the United Nations in moving forward rapidly with this initiative, the State Department wishes to be in a position to offer the U.N. a small detail of federal prosecutors and investigators who would be ready to undertake their assignment almost immediately. Such U.S. personnel would be detailed to the United Nations pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. § 2388, and would continue to receive their regular federal salary and benefits.

To ensure that the Department of Justice will be in a position to assist with this important initiative, I would appreciate your eliciting from among your experienced prosecutors persons who are interested in volunteering for such a detail. They should anticipate that the detail would be of a duration of from three to six months and that they would reside in The Hague during that period. Prosecutors who submit their names as potential volunteers should understand that their services will not necessarily be required by the United Nations.

United States Attorneys should submit the names of their volunteers to the Executive Office for United States Attorneys and Criminal Division component heads should submit their list of names to their assigned Deputy Assistant Attorney General. Names of volunteers should be submitted not later than September 15, 1993.

cc: Anthony C. Moscato, Director  
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