

Garland

COPY

Correspondence Routing and Action

1.From Criminal Division	2.Date 07/25/95	3.Suspense
	4.ODAG 079505470	5.EXEC Sec# 95072520445
Subject 7/25/95 MEMO RE EXPANDING THE ROLE OF CRM'S OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS		
6.EXEC ASST Review		7.Suspense
Instructions TO: Margolis, Fishman, Wilkinson, Steinberg: Comments to Corrigan by July 27. Copy sent to Garland.		
8.From:	To:	Date
9.From:	To:	Date
10.From:	To:	Date
11.To EXEC Asst to:		Date
12.Final Disposition:		Date

COPY

079505470

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT CONTROL DATA SHEET

From: HARRIS, JO ANN, AAG, CRM

To: DAG

ODD: NONE

Date Received: 07-25-95 Date Due: NONE

Control #: X95072520445

Subject & Date

07-25-95 MEMO REGARDING EXPANDING THE ROLE OF CRM'S OFFICE
OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

SEE E.S. 95042712214 CONTROL SHEET ATTACHED.

	Referred To:	Date:		Referred To:	Date:	
(1)	DAG;GORELICK	07-25-95	(5)			SPEC:
(2)			(6)			
(3)			(7)			PRTY:
(4)			(8)			1
	INTERIM BY:			DATE:		OPR:
	Sig. For: DAG			Date Released:		KIM

Remarks

INFO CC JMD.

(1) FOR APPROPRIATE HANDLING.

Other Remarks:

95 JUL 25 AM 18

OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY
ATTORNEY GENERAL

FILE:

J950725 2942

REMOVE THIS CONTROL SHEET PRIOR TO FILING AND DISPOSE OF APPROPRIATELY



U. S. Department of Justice

Criminal Division

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

July 25, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Jo Ann Harris
Assistant Attorney General

SUBJECT: Expanding the Role of the Criminal Division's Office of International Affairs

In our memorandum to you of April 26, 1995, we briefly outlined our proposal to expand the scope of responsibility of the Division's Office of International Affairs (OIA) to make it more responsive to the Department's international analytical needs. That proposal suggested two alternatives to accomplishing this goal: the first was a personnel increase of 33 positions, and additional funding to support automation enhancements; the second was a slightly lowered personnel/financial increase, but with the merger of the USNCB-INTERPOL into the OIA.

We recently received a copy of the June 7, 1995, memorandum to you from Assistant Attorney General Stephen Colgate, which recommended that you disapprove our proposal. Mr. Colgate's memorandum expressed two major concerns: (1) the proposed merger of INTERPOL with OIA; and, (2) duplication of international responsibilities currently under the purview of the Executive Office for National Security (EONS).

Our April 26, 1995, memorandum was prepared in an attempt to be responsive to the needs of your office in the coordination and analysis of data in the international law arena. The Criminal Division is the component frequently tasked with compiling country specific criminal information for the Attorney General and for you, particularly in instances of visits from international dignitaries or when the Attorney General or you are traveling to another country. This information is funneled through the EONS, for their review/summary/further guidance. However, EONS must rely upon a component--and most often that is the Criminal Division's Office of International Affairs--for the compilation of a host of sensitive law enforcement information in a format conducive to quick review. While we have made great

efforts to be responsive to those needs, we have not had the resources necessary to do the job in a fashion totally suitable to the Attorney General.

It was not our intent in our April 26, 1995 memorandum to usurp the authority or the responsibilities of any of the law enforcement components. Indeed, we envision our expanded role as being one of a central "clearinghouse"; receiving input from the various components; compiling and analyzing that data in comparison to the information received from other components; and providing professional analytical data to Department officials. It would be our goal to work hand-in-hand with the other legal divisions, and the law enforcement community, in this endeavor. The Division is not seeking oversight authority in any law enforcement investigation outside of those for which it currently has authority.

Our projected staffing level for the new functions of the OIA are based on several needs. One is the projected need to enhance the number of attorneys in the Office, and lower the ratio of countries-to-attorney, thus enhancing the staff's expertise and allowing the attorney to establish a greater rapport with the appropriate country desk officer in the State Department. The second, as noted above, is the need to establish an analytical unit that would function in a liaison capacity with other Department and law enforcement components, gathering and sharing information, creating a mechanism for quickly and effectively compiling a host of information and presenting it in a format satisfactory to the needs of the Attorney General. We would work in close coordination with all components, and particularly the EONS.

While some may say that this is a duplicative effort, the reality is that we are currently unable to dictate that the Department's need for information is a priority concern to the State Department desk officer, nor are we able to meet the quick turnaround time required by the Attorney General for internal law enforcement data of an international nature. What we are proposing is not duplicative of efforts of any component, rather it makes us the conduit for merging sensitive information into a comprehensive document, for presentation to the EONS and the Attorney General.

The addition of resources in-house--who will interact constantly with their State Department counterparts on changes in their assigned countries, will allow us to provide up-to-date information on matters of concern for which we must now rely totally upon State's timely response to our requests. We are not attempting to duplicate State's function; rather, we seek to facilitate constant interaction between the two Departments.

We met on Friday, July 21, 1995, with representatives of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), to discuss our plan. Both DEA and the FBI expressed concern over the use of detailees in the new OIA structure. Again, the use of detailees was to ensure that we represented well the concerns and priorities of the law enforcement components in whatever analysis or data we provided to your office. Our goal was to have the DEA and the FBI as **active** players in this new approach--not to side-step them. We agree with the DEA and the Bureau that a coordinated plan of action should be the first step in creating this new OIA, should the concept be approved and funding be provided.

The idea of incorporating USNCB-INTERPOL, as well as transferring the International Prisoner Transfer Program from the Division's Office of Enforcement Operations (OEO) to the OIA was again proposed in a spirit of consolidating functions with an international aspect into one unit, as much as possible. While we still believe that there could be a reduction in the number of **administrative** positions that support both the USNCB-INTERPOL and the OIA, given the opposition to this idea and no strong feelings on it by us, we are withdrawing that option.

The Justice Management Division's Budget Staff has agreed that some additional analytical capability is needed in the OIA if we are to progress in this area. They disagree greatly with us on the level of personnel and financial resources that should be authorized, and recommend that additional staffing can be obtained from in-house transfers. However, the level of expertise that is required for the sophisticated international analysis we would hope to offer is not available in-house. For that we must seek analysts from outside sources. Additionally, the Division has been diligent about utilizing in-house resources for Attorney General and Administration priorities. We will continue to do so in the future, but there is a point at which resources can no longer be reallocated. To do this job properly, we must have at least some moderate increase--the level recommended by the Budget Staff will not allow us to accomplish the mission as planned.

The same is true of our need for additional financial resources to automate the tracking system in the OIA. If we are to maintain a level of service to our clients, and at the same time enhance our analytical capabilities, automation must keep track with that progress. We have made great progress in the Division in providing greater automation, and reducing the level of paperwork and clericals needed in the process. With the emphasis on the international aspects of law enforcement,

automation of processes and access to immediate data is imperative. The recommendation of the Budget Staff in this area falls short of our needs.

I would be happy to discuss this proposal further with you.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT CONTROL DATA SHEET

From: HARRIS, JO ANN, AAG, CRM
To: DAG

Date Received: 04-27-95 Date Due: 06-16-95 Control #: X95042712214
Subject & Date

04-26-95 MEMO INFORMING THE DAG OF THE PROPOSED EXPANDING
MISSION OF CRM'S OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND TO
REQUESTS RESOURCE ENHANCEMENTS TO AFFECT THAT EXPANSION,
WITH ATTACHMENTS; THRU JMD, OLC; FOR DAG APPROVAL/
DISAPPROVAL.

	Referred To:	Date:		Referred To:	Date:	
(1)	JMD;COLGATE	04-27-95	(5)			SPEC:
(2)	DAG;GORELICK	06-09-95	(6)			
(3)			(7)			PRTY:
(4)			(8)			1
	INTERIM BY:			DATE:		OPR:
	Sig. For: DAG			Date Released:		KIM

Remarks

(1) FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION TO DAG. RETURN WITH THIS
CONTROL SHEET TO EXEC. SEC., ROOM 4400-AA.
(2) W/MEMO FROM JMD TO THE DAG DATED 06-07-95, EXPRESSING
CONCERNS REGARDING CRM'S 04-26-95 PROPOSAL TO EXPAND ITS
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. TO DAG FOR APPROPRIATE
HANDLING. ADVISE EXEC. SEC. OF ACTION TAKEN. KIM
SEE E.S. 95072520445.

Other Remarks:

FILE: TRANSITORY-95 DAG

J950427 1618

REMOVE THIS CONTROL SHEET PRIOR TO FILING AND DISPOSE OF APPROPRIATELY
