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1. AS A MEANS OF ALLEVIATING THE STRAIN IN THE POSTS  
CONSULAR RESOURCES BOTH THE INS AND THE DEPARTMENT SEE NO  
LEGAL OBJECTION IN THIS CASE TO MODIFYING THE PROCEDURES  
OF TAKING DEPOSITIONS TO THE EXTENT THAT CONSULAR OFFICER  
ADMINISTER OATHS AS REQUIRED (SEE 22 USC 1195 AND 8 CFR  
242.14(E)) AND THEN RETIRE FOR THE MAIN PART OF THE DEPOSITION. CONOFF SHOULD  
INSERT INTO THE RECORD AFTER THE  
OATHS ARE ADMINISTERED A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT



BOTH COUNSEL WAIVE PRESENCE OF CONSULAR OFFICIAL, SUBJECT  
TO RECALL IF NECESSARY.

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2. AS POST IS AWARE, CASES OF THIS NATURE ARE INFREQUENT  
AND THE DEPARTMENT PLACES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE UPON  
MATTER OF COOPERATION WITH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, PARTICULARLY  
IN CASES INVOLVING WAR CRIMES ALLEGATIONS. DEPARTMENT  
UNDERSTANDS POST'S PREDICAMENT BUT UNABLE TO FIND AN  
ALTERNATIVE TO REQUESTING SERVICES NOV 1-3.

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FYI THE CONGRESSIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE HAVING OVERSIGHT  
RESPONSIBILITY OVER IMMIGRATION, CITIZENSHIP, AND INTERNATIONAL LAW HAS BEEN  
SEVERELY CRITICAL OF THE DEPARTMENT  
AND OTHER AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR DELAYS WHICH HAVE  
OCCURRED IN THE PROSECUTION OF ALLEGED WAR CRIMINALS. OUR  
STANCE MUST BE THAT OF BEING FULLY COOPERATIVE IN THE OBTENTION OF EVIDENCE IN  
THESE MATTERS. THE POST'S AWARENESS OF THESE FACTS IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.  
4. PLEASE KEEP DEPARTMENT (CA/SCS) INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. VANCE

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