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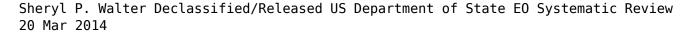
1. AS A MEANS OF ALLEVIATING THE STRAIN IN THE POSTS
CONSULAR RESOURCES BOTH THE INS AND THE DEPARTMENT SEE NO
LEGAL OBJECTION IN THIS CASE TO MODIFYING THE PROCEDURES
OF TAKING DEPOSITIONS TO THE EXTENT THAT CONSULAR OFFICER
ADMINISTER OATHS AS REQUIRED (SEE 22 USC 1195 AND 8 CFR
242.14(E)) AND THEN 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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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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