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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

Office of the General Counsel

SUBJECT:

HR 6716, Copyright Infringement

This Office strongly recommends that the Agency adopt a favorable position on this bill and that the requisite action be taken by your Office to support this or similar legislation. We believe that the individual employees of the

and the Foreign Documents Division dealing with copyright materials should be protected against personal suit for infringement of copyright occurring in connection with their official duties. Although we recognize that the possibility of a suit filed in the United States by a citizen of a foreign state participating in the International Signatory is relatively remote, we nevertheless believe that the element of personal liability

should be eliminated.

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