

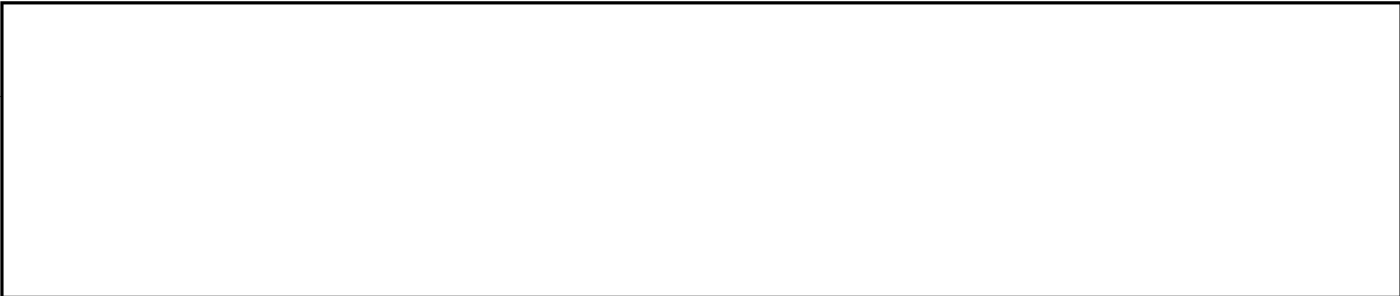
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[redacted] Sat in on a briefing given by [redacted] OCI, for Mike Telson, House Budget Committee staff, on the energy sources in Venezuela and Mexico. The briefing was unclassified and was requested by Telson for his background in connection with his trip in a few weeks to Central and South America as part of a cultural USIA program. The trip in no way concerns congressional matters. Telson was most appreciative and displayed considerable background in Central and South America having been raised in Cuba. At the conclusion of the briefing he added that energy and the environment will be his areas of interest on the Budget Committee. He volunteered that Representative Elizabeth Holtzman (D., N. Y.) had attempted to have the Agency budget reviewed by the Budget Committee, however, the effort was defeated principally by Representative Robert N. Giaimo (D., Conn.) and feels that Agency matters must be handled securely by a select group within the Congress. He felt that undoubtedly the CIA budget will in some way eventually be reviewed by the Budget Committee.

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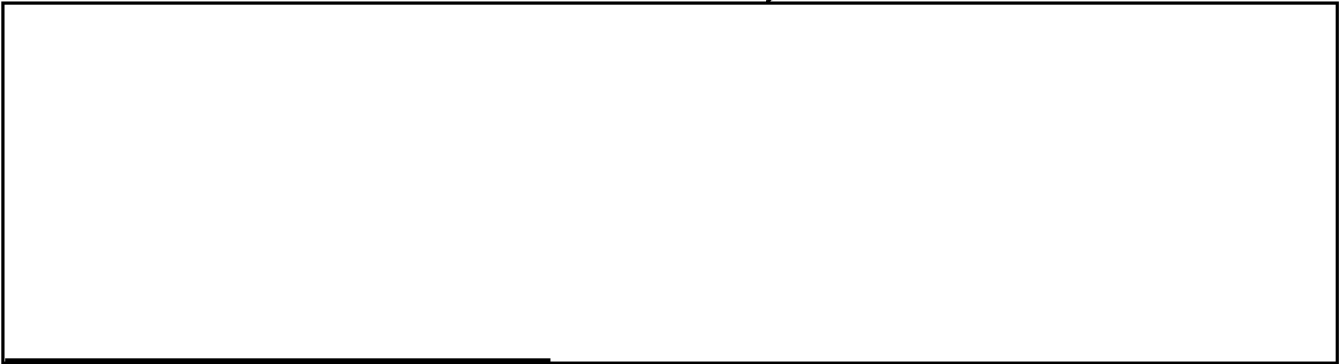
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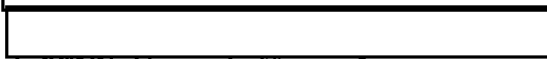
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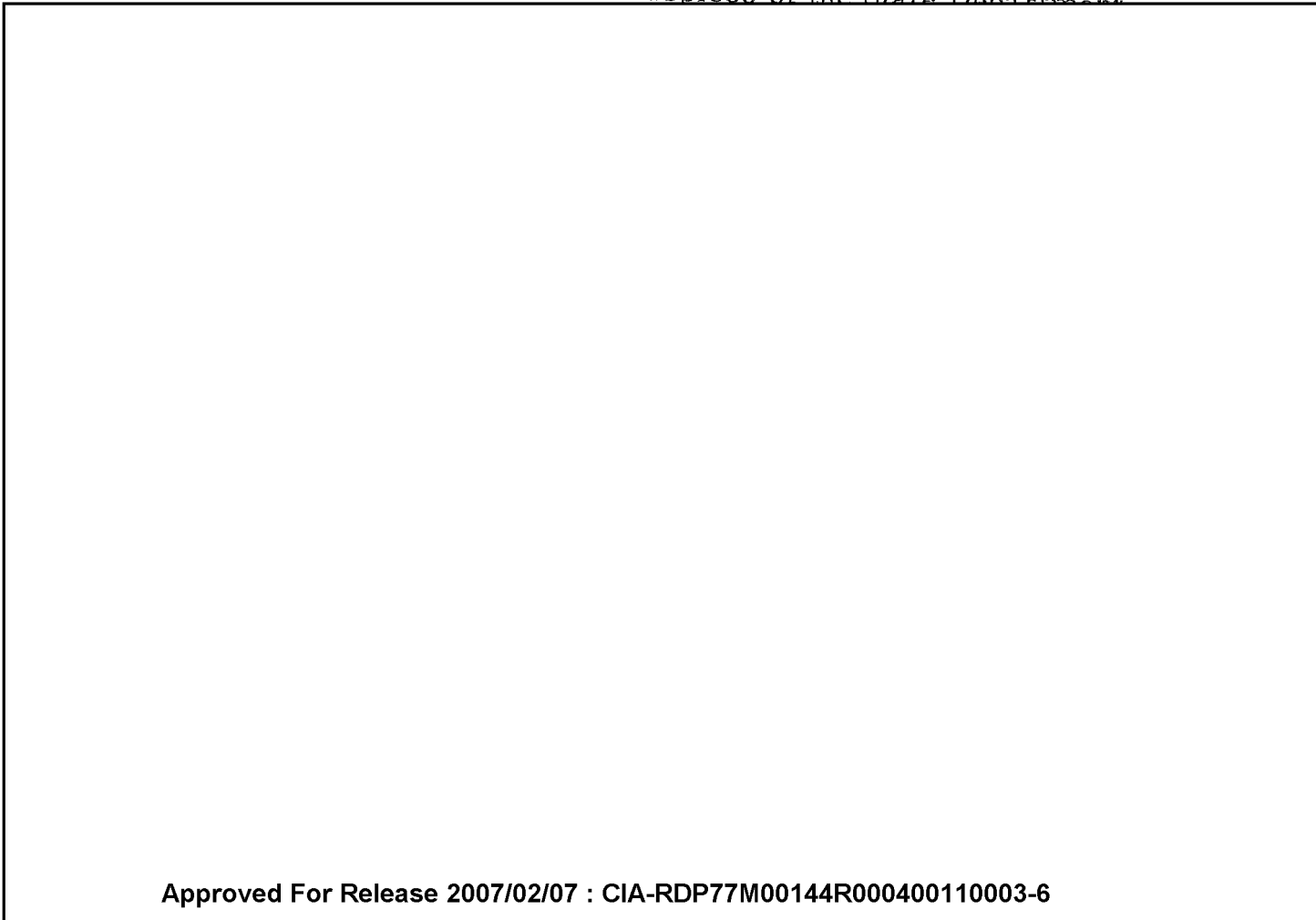
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Called Mike Telson, House Budget Committee staff, and confirmed arrangements for [redacted] OCI, to brief him tomorrow, 22 May 1975, at 2:00 p.m. on energy sources in Venezuela and Mexico in connection with Telson's upcoming trip to Central and South America under the auspices of the State Department.

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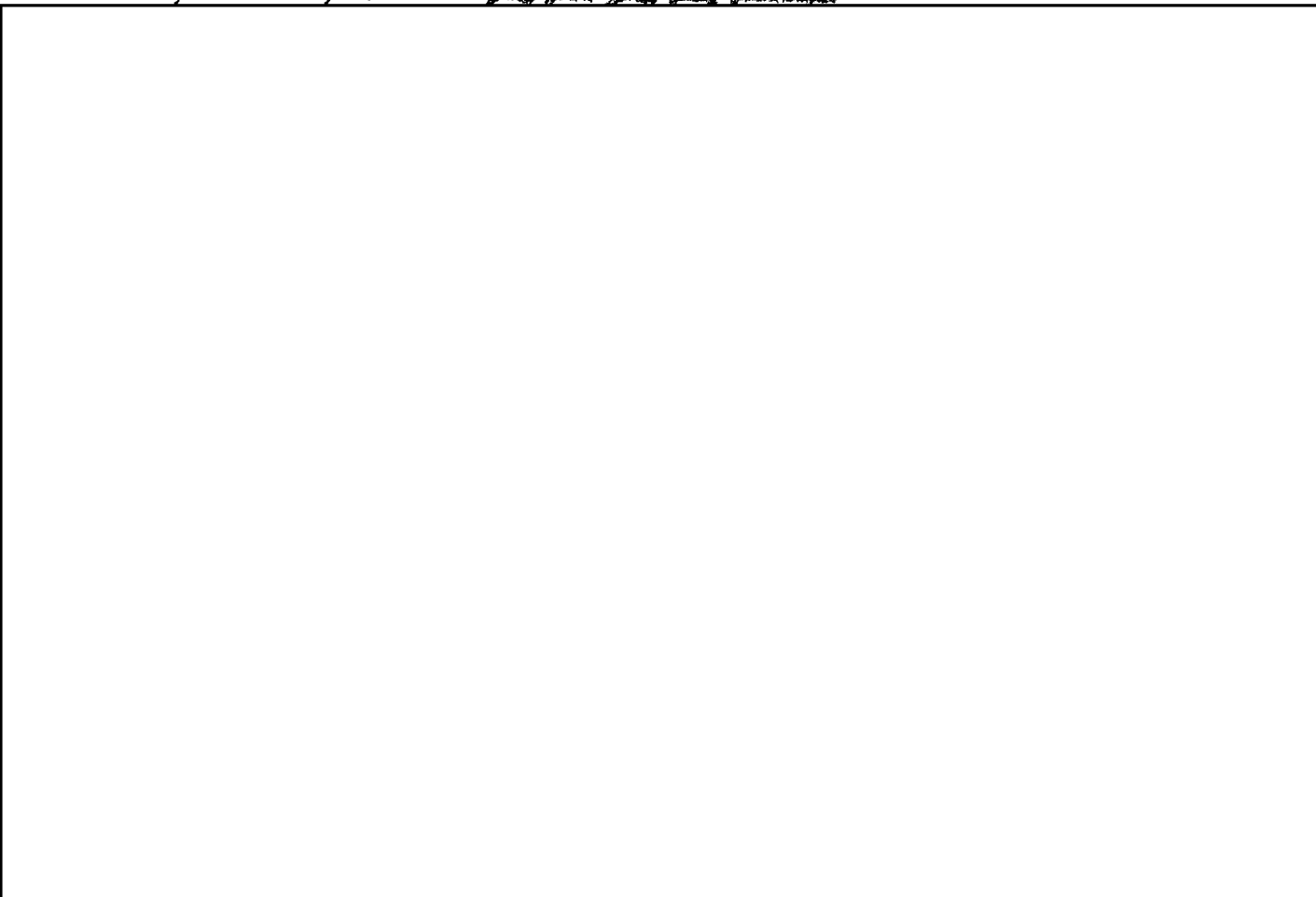
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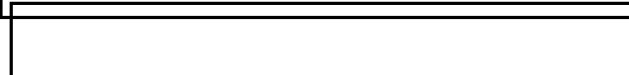
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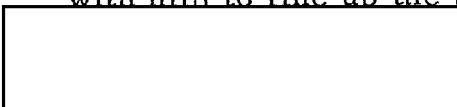
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Budget Committee staff, in follow up to his earlier call with [redacted] requesting a briefing on the energy situation in Mexico and Venezuela. (See Journal Item #8, 6 May 1975) I told Telson [redacted] would be in touch with him to line up the briefing, if was at all possible.

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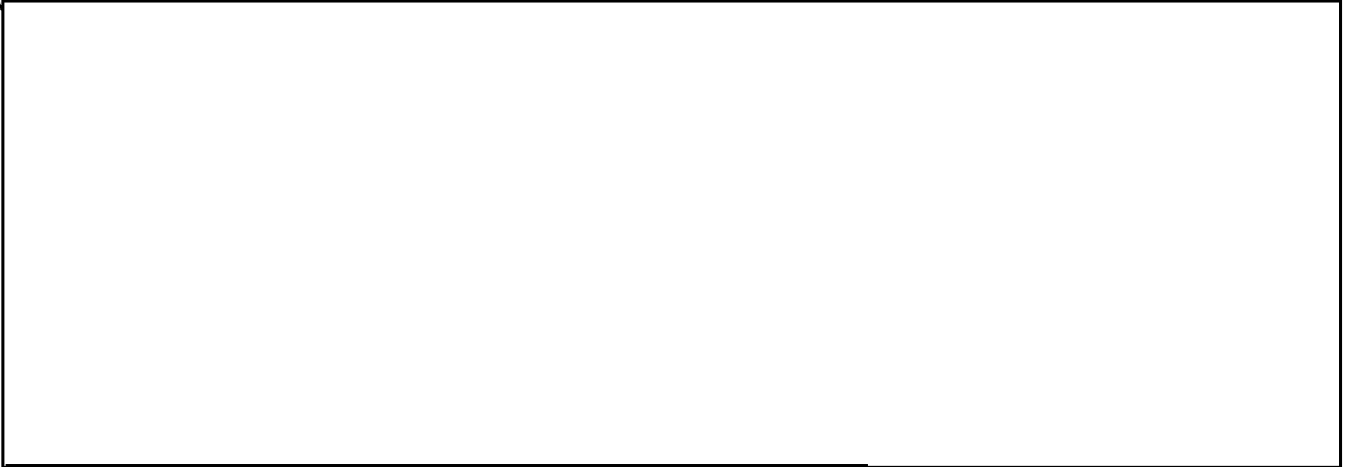
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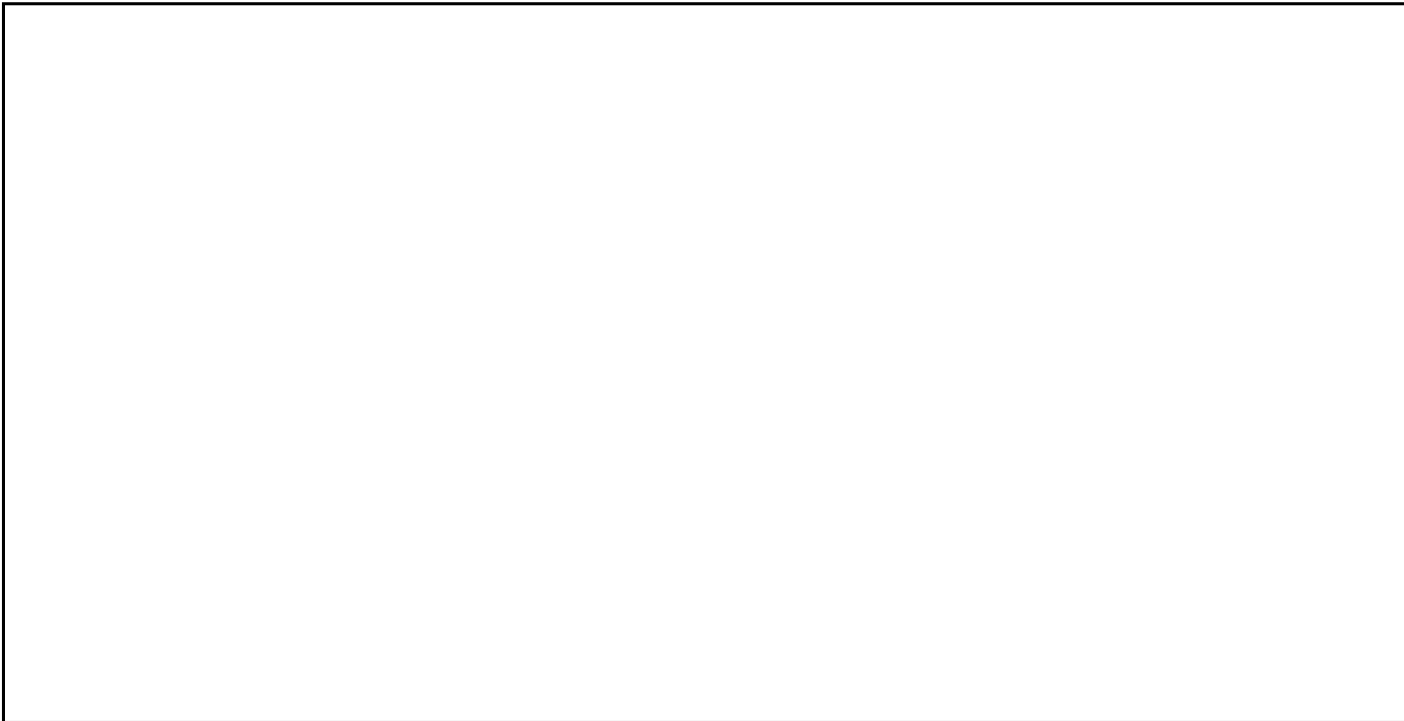
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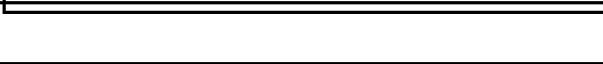
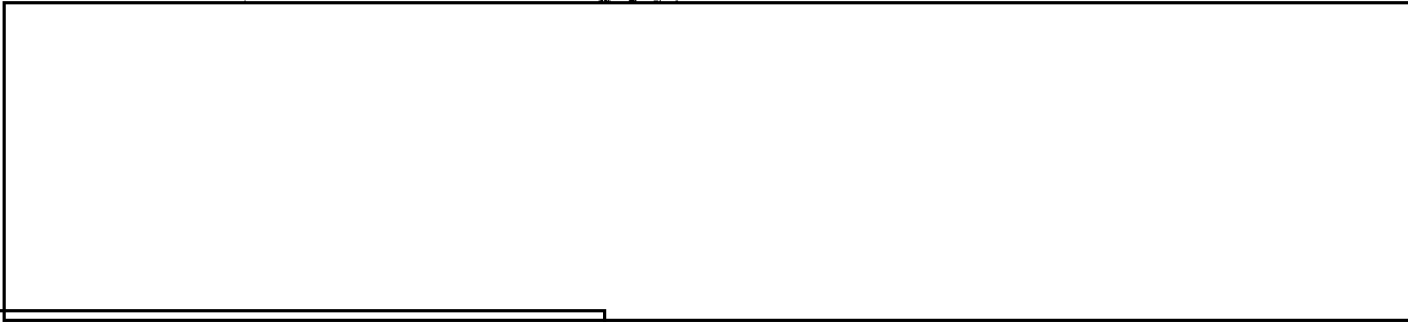
us to the impending visit by Andrew Hamilton, of the ~~House Budget Committee~~,  
with [redacted] OSR, which has as its purpose the obtaining  
of information in connection with Hamilton's Budget Committee assignment.

I advised [redacted] and subsequently [redacted] that any requests for information  
by Hamilton relating to the Agency should be referred to this office.

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Mike Telson, ~~House Budget Committee~~,  
called to request a briefing on the energy situation in Mexico and Venezuela.

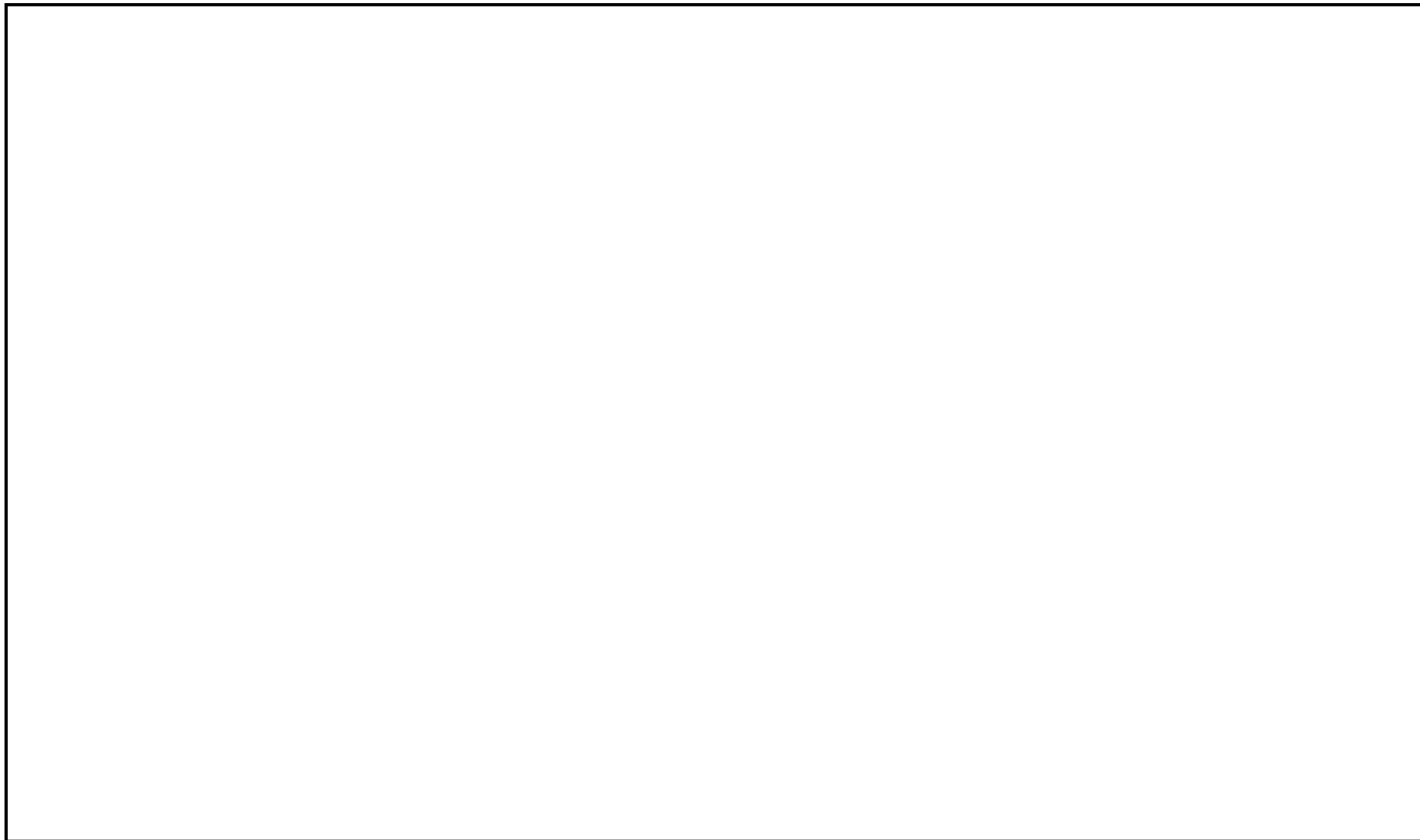
He will be visiting those countries and others for a few weeks in June as a  
"short term American grantee." This is a cultural exchange program  
by the State Department and USIA. Nominees are drawn from all walks of  
life. He said he had been referred to us by the Department and hoped that  
a short briefing could be arranged. I discussed the request with

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OCI, and he saw no objection to such a briefing.

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