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SUBJECT:REVIEW OF NMI CONSTITUTION

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1. TO RESCOM NMI. PER WHITE HOUSE, OFFICIAL DATE OF COMMENCEMENT FOR 180 DAY REVIEW OF NMI CONSTITUTION IS 2:52 PM EST OF 23 APRIL 1977. ANDRUS LTR OF 21 APRIL TRANSMITTING DOCUMENTS TO PRESIDENT MAILED TO RESCOM THIS WEEK. OMB WILL BE COORDINATING FULL REVIEW PROCESS OF CONSTITUTION COMMENCING NEXT WEEK. PRELIMINARY WHITE HOUSE (DOMESTIC COUNCIL) REVIEW AGREES WITH INTERIOR POSITION THAT CONSTITUTION CAN BE APPROVED. MINOR PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BUT CONSIDERED TO BE OF LOCAL NATURE AND NOT IMPINGING ON COVENANT, U.S. CONSTITUTION, OR APPLICABLE TREATIES AND LAWS. WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED AND AGREE WITH RESCOM VIEW AT THIS TIME THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR NMIL DELEGATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON ON SUBJECT OF REVIEW. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OTA SENDS.  
CHRISTOPHER

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