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TO: Honorable Condoleezza Rice  
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld   
SUBJECT: Approval for Memos

I notice you are starting to send out memos saying, "If no objections are raised, the NSC paper will be considered as approved by the Principals as of" (a specific date).

I am uncomfortable with that procedure. When I am traveling or have dozens of things going on in the Department, it may not be possible to get back in your time frame. The current approach is misleading since I will not have approved.

Please change your procedure so that you need to hear back from me before you can assume that something is approved.

Thanks.

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