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FROM: Ryan Henry, PD Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Washington

SUBJECT: Military Commissions

 As discussed at the July 27,2004 PC, Military Commissions are scheduled to begin on Monday August 23,2004.

- This first stage in commissions process will involve the readings of charges, pleas by the detainees, and motion filing by the following detainees' military lawyers:
 - Salim Ahmed Hamdan of Yemen
 - Ali Hamza Ahmed Sulayman al Bahlul of Yemen
 - David Hicks of Australia
 - Ibrahim Ahmed Mahmoud al Qosi of Sudan
- We expect significant media coverage, though these events will compete for attention with the roll-outs of the Kern and Schlesinger reports.
 - Over 70 media representatives and 5 NGO representatives are scheduled to be present at GTMO.

COORDINATION: Copies provided to OGC, PA, and OMC

-Attachment

As stated.

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