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Subject Formulation of Department of Justice Policy on Private Bills of Relief for Victims of Constitutional Torts	Date 1 2 JAN 1981
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To	From
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I have recently had brought to my attention a number of intradepartmental memoranda dealing with this subject which were forwarded to this Office a number of months ago for any comment we might have.

When this project was initiated, this Office questioned in discussions with Nelson Dong, then Deputy Associate Attorney General, whether we had any role to play in what appeared to be a pure policy issue. He indicated that we might be helpful if the intradepartmental comments raised any substantive legal issues. My review of these documents indicates that there are no unidentified or disputed legal issues involved in the formulation of policy on this issue by the Department. This Office, of course, has no interest in any of the policy concerns involved. Neither do we have the resources to staff any of the policy issues. This being the case, I see no further role for this Office to play until such time as any specific and unresolved legal issues are identified and brought to our attention.