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Bribes

Q: What is U.S. policy toward ~~reportedly large-scale~~ bribery by U.S. firms ~~and~~ foreign officials in the Middle East and elsewhere?

A: We deeply deplore any practices such as bribery or attempts to corrupt foreign officials, which run counter to deep-seated and traditional American values. We intend to take strong

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~~international context in the hope that other countries would join~~ *efforts to reach an international agree-*
~~ment on ethical standards for~~ *ment on ethical standards for*
~~in a broad, basic effort to halt corruption.~~

multi-national corporations.