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Concept for Eliminating the Heroin Problem in East Asia.

At the last meeting of the Interagency Group, comments were requested regarding subject paper, and are submitted herein. The paper lists substantially all the objectives and goals which it would be desirable to achieve. Item 2 d (public rehabilitation of addicts) was a little unclear. Was it intended to refer to overseas addicts? I assume we are concerned only with foreign programs.

I think the paper would be stronger if the objectives, goals and U.S. assistance tasks were grouped in relation to one another rather than being listed seriatim. For example:

"1. Objectives

A. Long Term - The elimination of poppy growing

Sub-goals - An international convention against poppy culture

National laws outlawing same.

Development of substitute for codeine

Development of economic alternatives

Development of enforcement capabilities

a) UN - (INCB)

b) National - Aerial survey
crop destruction

B. Short Term - (1) The elimination of illicit poppy growing

Sub-goals - Detection capability

Destruction capability

Development of economic alternatives

Local education campaigns

(2) The elimination of illicit narcotics

Sub-goals - Detection capability

Destruction capability

Control of strategic chemicals

Prosecution of violators

(3) The Elimination of intranational and international trafficking in narcotics

Sub-goals - Internal law enforcement
Efficient border control (customs)

(4) Rehabilitation of Addicts and reduction of demand (overseas only)

General Principles

U.S. participation, assistance and involvement should, to the extent possible, be indirect and in support of programs and initiatives of local governments concerned, or of regional or international organizations. Covert or unilateral operations would be considered on a case by case basis."

The above is illustrative only.

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