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MEMORANDUM

TO: A/AID - Dr. John A. Hannah  
THRU: EXSEC  
FROM: CO/SA - Roderic L. O'Connor *RLO/HW*  
SUBJECT: AID Representative on Drug Matters

I understand from Nelson Gross, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Narcotics, that a sub-cabinet level committee is being set up to coordinate U. S. Government drug abuse policy. The committee will receive recommendations from various inter-agency working committees. As Mr. Gross recognizes that A.I.D. has an important role to play in connection with the drug problem, he would like to work closely with a designated A.I.D. representative on these problems. I have already informed him (see attached memorandum) that Maury Williams has acted as the A.I.D. representative at various policy level meetings.

However, I think that the sub-cabinet committee requires a staffing at the working level and I would like to recommend for your consideration the appointment of Ogden Williams to this position. Mr. Williams is currently doing an excellent job in this area for our SA Bureau and I am sure could quite easily take on additional responsibilities for the entire Agency.

He holds degrees from Princeton (AB) and Harvard (LLB) Law Schools, spent some years working for one of the best law firms in New York, had a number of responsibilities in CIA, and joined A.I.D. in 1962. He has served as Deputy Director in Tunis and on special assignments in Vietnam and the Washington Vietnam Bureau. He is in my judgment a very competent

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officer with a disciplined mind and the kind of flexibility in thinking that will be needed in this program. I understand that Nelson Gross, who, incidentally, is a friend and colleague of mine in the Republican Party in New Jersey, would be happy to work with Williams. I would be happy to discuss this matter with you at your convenience.

Att: a/s

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cc: Mr. MacDonald

Ogden Williams ✓