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MEMORANDUM

TO: FE - Mr. Rusk  
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February 23, 1951

FROM: PSA - Mr. Shohan *ces*

SUBJECT: Land Reform

Attached is a copy of the policy paper on the subject of land reform. This paper was prepared by the Inter-Departmental Committee on Land Reform and has been approved by the Under Secretary's Advisory Committee to be distributed to our foreign missions for their information and guidance. It is hoped that final inter-departmental approval of this paper can be accomplished by Tuesday, February 27.

Mr. Merrill Gay has acted as the FE representative on the Inter-Departmental Committee.

Please address any comments to Mr. Shohan, Room 3177, N.S.

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2. A secondary objective is to disengage "land reform" from the complex of ideas exploited by Soviet Communism, by making clear to the various peoples and governments of the world that genuine land reform can be achieved through their own governmental processes, and that steps in the direction of accomplishing the basic objective will receive U.S. support, as appropriate.

## POLICY GUIDE

### The United States Government:

1. Will give encouragement and assistance to land reform programs when and wherever they would substantially contribute to promoting the objectives enumerated above.
  - a. will take every opportunity to use its foreign economic and technical assistance programs, in both planning and administration stages, to encourage and assist desirable land reform measures.
  - b. will lend practical assistance to other desirable land reform programs.
  - c. will take every opportunity to support and encourage desirable land reform programs through all appropriate international agencies.
2. Will give extensive publicity, both at home and abroad, to activities and accomplishments in support of land reform, and to programs in the U.S., in non-self-governing territories under U.S. administration, and in other countries toward the above objectives.

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