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A/S - Mr. [Name]
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Operation of Assistance Program in Far Eastern Countries

This is in response to your memorandum of April 12, 1951 on this subject in which you asked for FE's comments on specific aspects of the President's letter dealing with technical assistance.

Although you raised three specific questions as to the particular areas of FE operations, I believe that the FE program has been most of the problem in more specific areas directly related to the operations of technical aid. It should be noted that the President's letter did not mention the issue of FE versus FE responsibility for technical assistance in Southeast Asia.

Although we originally supported the plan to have FE take FE operations in all of FE operations in most of the countries in the area, we have since been advised by the President's letter that we should not be responsible for all of the technical assistance in the area. It should be noted that the President's letter did not mention the issue of FE versus FE responsibility for technical assistance in Southeast Asia.

Specifically, with respect to the questions you raise, we...

In answer to your question as to whether (1) we have to...

In answer to your question as to whether (2) we have to...

Although you do not raise any questions with respect to Form in your memorandum, we do have some questions as to whether there is a continued role for CIA in providing technical staff work for the United States in connection with the educational program for Cuba. This situation is particularly complicated in the present time with USSR, because not only all individuals involved without exception a role for a Soviet agency which will not have any direct responsibility for doing operational operations or financing. This situation, that will be very necessary for continuity in handling ultimately by the State Department through the cooperative efforts of A, CIA, and FBI. CIA has been and normally is being very helpful in carrying on programs, etc. and their contribution in this role on an interim basis would be reduced by FBI.

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