

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MACV-JA LtCol. E.L. McQuinn DATE: March 17, 1970
THRU : AMEMB Mr. William C. Jones, III
FROM : GSO/USPAC Charles J. Konyak

SUBJECT: Importation of Bulk Commissary Orders by Contractors

The Embassy has received applications or information concerning importation of foodstuffs by contractors who have not obtained prior certification of the sponsoring contracting officer nor the Embassy. The Embassy views these actions with concern as all imports are subject to approval first by the Mission and subsequently by the CVN Customs. This memorandum stresses the need of contractors to follow control procedures.

Pacific Architects and Engineers, Inc., was the first firm to attempt to import food without going through channels. Their demand was sent directly to the Director of Customs who referred them, for control purposes, to the Embassy. The firm's representative was asked to clear its application for foodstuffs with Captain Ryan, USAF. Captain Ryan was advised of PA&E's application and the Embassy suggested he clear it with MACJA as I understood the U.S. would supply bulk orders for food to contractors. If that is the case, then there is no justification for a firm to import foodstuffs directly.

A few days later, Mr. C.E. Kennedy, Representative of LSI, Inc., came in to say he would like to know the correct procedure for importing foodstuffs for use of his employees. He showed a copy of a letter sent to the Director of Customs requesting clearance. The application was not processed through the contracting officer nor through the Embassy. (It is to be noted that Mr. Campbell, who wrote the letter for LSI is now employed in the personnel office of Pacific Architects and Engineers.)

The name of the supplier is Day-Lee Meats, Inc. and the local representative is Mr. John E. Kettinger.

cc: Capt. Ryan/USAFV.

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