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Mr. Tran Ngoc Lien  
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Saigon, Vietnam

Dear Mr. Lien:

Listed below are the responsibilities and functions which we think would be appropriate for the NACA Committee.

Essentially, we believe that the Committee should advise, not administer; that they should be concerned with broad program and policy matters and not the details of administration. While the Committee would inform you as to their opinion on various aspects of the program, you would be under no obligation to accept their advice -- the responsibility for the success or failure of the program would be entirely yours. Of course, the Committee would have the privilege of reporting to the Secretary of State for Agrarian Reform, or to the President, any differences of opinion which they believe important. The President, or the Secretary of State for Agrarian Reform, could, if he agreed with the Committee, require you to accept the Committee's opinion, since they would be your administrative superiors. Similarly, it would be to the President or the Secretary of State for Agrarian Reform that you would look to for the "quitus" -- not the Committee.

Proposed Functions and Authority of Advisory Committee on Agricultural Credit:

1. To review proposed programs and policies as presented by the Director of the NACA and to advise the Director of the opinion of the Committee with respect to the general desirability and necessity of the proposed programs and policies and of their probable impact on the programs of other government agencies.
2. To review current programs and policies of the NACA and advise the Director of the opinion of the Committee with respect to the effectiveness and continued necessity of these programs and policies.

3. To act as a communications channel between the NACA and the organizations or interests represented by members of the Committee.

4. The Committee may require the Director of the NACA to report monthly on the over-all operations of the agency and its accomplishments.

5. In connection with the review of problems or operations, the Committee may require the Director to furnish data on specific operations.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

Walter W. Mode, Chief  
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