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Milt Taylor is recommending to the GVN and to USOM that additional technical experts be brought out to handle specific problems related to tax administration and policy. There is some question about the GVN's acceptance of additional technical experts in this field. The USOM Director is probably going to press the Government on this point, and he may be able to extract from them a request for the additional help.

If he receives the request, the question of recruitment will come up. Gardiner is of the opinion that MSUG might be in a better position to obtain the kind of people necessary and that ICA/Washington may have difficulty. Taylor agrees with this viewpoint. It may develop that MSUG will be asked by USOM to recruit for them.

As you can see, there are several rather big ifs behind this potential development, but if it does come about we will be faced with a policy question. I have not yet made up my mind as to what I will recommend. If these people were available on our own campus, I would not hesitate very long in going along with the idea of expanding our staff by three positions in order to provide for their recruitment. However, the fact that we would have to go off the campus and probably out of the state to hire these people from administrative agencies makes me hesitate. In general, I am opposed to expanding the Project along such lines. I am hesitant for other reasons as well. That is, the work to be done in the tax field is an extremely delicate type of work in which our technicians play a kind of dual role and are watched over very carefully by the USOM Finance Division. If we do get involved in this, and at the moment the chances are no better than 50/50, we would have to do some very careful negotiating to be sure the situation in the field would meet our requirements.

You will probably be hearing more from me on this during the weeks ahead.

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