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TO : Dr. John T. Dorsey, Chief, Public
Administration Division
FROM : John D. Montgomery

DATE : January 23, 1959

SUBJECT : English Language Course at the NIA

Professor Stacey of the University of Michigan/Southeast Asia Regional Contract team tells me that the team is prepared to teach an intensive English language course between June 15 and July 30 to first year students at the NIA. As you know, this is what I have been hoping for and the dates have been approved by the NIA. I believe the NIA will extend a formal invitation to the University of Michigan team to perform this service and to give technical advice on the regular classroom instruction in English. There are certain administrative problems which I wish to call to your attention:

1. Since there will be 50 students it will be necessary to divide the group into 4 classes. This will require that some additional personnel be hired to assist in the instruction. I think this would probably involve 3 or 4 MSU or USOM wives working 3 to 4 hours per day for the six-week period between June 15 and July 30. I have checked with Griffin on the financial feasibility of this project and will be happy to help Herb Roberts do the recruiting for this if it meets with your approval.
2. It may be necessary to purchase materials for use in this intensive instruction. These materials consist of 4 booklets available in kits at \$5.00 each. We expect 50 to 60 students, but I see no reason why the books should become property of the students. I would accordingly recommend that the Library be instructed to purchase this material and issue it as needed. If you feel that this expense might not be justified, it may conceivably be possible to borrow the material from USOM, which is planning to issue it during August to students at the Faculty of Pedagogy.
3. As you will see in the enclosed statement, I have suggested that the NIA invite the University of Michigan team directly to participate. This is in accordance with the wishes of Professor Stacey, who does not want the request to come via USOM because of their contractual status as a regional rather than a country contractor. I think, however, that Dave Wood should be informed of this. Stacey plans to advise the Education ~~Ministry~~ *Division* by way of his regular monthly activities report. Since the USOM Education Division has an interest in the teaching of English, it may be possible to bring them in on this act by notifying Ada Stambler to help out in developing or actually teaching in the regular classroom English instruction at the NIA. I am perfectly willing to explore this possibility informally with her,

and Stacey has no objection. My only hesitance in doing so is that I am not sure MSU will want to ask USOM for technical assistance in any of the NIA programs. I therefore will do nothing about this until I hear from you.

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