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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Personnel for  
Recruitment and Placement

SUBJECT : Recruitment of Persons Having Any Association  
With the Peace Corps

REFERENCE : Note for C/RD fr [ ] dtd 9 Jan 69,  
Subject: Peace Corps Trainees

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1. I have reviewed referent note from [ ] concerning  
a more definitive statement on the employability of Peace Corps  
trainees. In his note Tom is concerned with those persons who were  
trained but never left the United States. My answer to his specific  
question is no! Whether or not these trainees were on the Peace  
Corps payroll, to the normal observer they would appear to be as-  
sociated with the Peace Corps. In addition, foreign nationals on  
the campus who are aware of who is associated with the Peace Corps  
program at a given university do not make "nice distinctions" con-  
cerning the relationships of our citizens to the Peace Corps. The  
Corps also has told me that in most training programs nationals of  
the country for which training is being given are used as instructors  
and they too do not make the distinction. Therefore, it behooves us  
all to reject an applicant if there is the slightest doubt of how  
others view his or her relationship with the Peace Corps.

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2. Members of a faculty of a college or university who are  
under contract to train Peace Corps personnel may be considered for  
employment only when everybody clearly understands that they are  
employees of the college and not affiliated in any way with the  
Peace Corps itself!

3. Quoted below is the statement of our policy concerning the  
hiring of persons ever having been associated with the Peace Corps.

"By agreement with the Peace Corps, this Agency will  
not hire any person who has been employed by the Peace  
Corps until five years after the termination of that  
employment. This same policy applies to persons who were

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not actually paid by the Peace Corps but who have been closely and openly associated with the Peace Corps to the extent that they are identified with the Peace Corps operations."

4. I suggest you advise the recruiters to get in touch with Headquarters, as soon as possible, whenever there is a question related to Agency policy on this matter.

/s/ Robert S. Wattles

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