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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, NEA [redacted] 25X1

SUBJECT: Mr. Streibert's Trip to South Asia

After the OCB meeting on June 16, Mr. Streibert reported certain observations from his recent trip to South Asia to the DCI. He had had meetings with Ambassador Crowe in Colombo and with members of the Ceylonese Government. He reported that the Ceylonese were unhappy about their rubber-rice deal with the Chinese Communists and are seriously thinking of not renewing it in August. The rice provided by China was unsatisfactory and has been dumped on the market in order to dispose of it. The Ceylonese apparently regret that they are the only country in that part of the world which has no U. S. aid program and might like one. The figure mentioned as the scope of their needs was approximately \$10 million. The difficulty is that so long as they are shipping rubber to China, the Battle Act prohibits any aid program, and they might be reluctant to terminate the rubber shipment deal without assurance of an aid program.

The English Language Press in Ceylon does not give such of a play to U. S. news and Mr. Streibert felt that there was not much that USA could do about it directly. However, one of the two leading papers, The Ceylon News of Colombo, needs a press and Mr. Streibert felt that if a press could be provided, the news coverage of the paper could be improved so far as U. S. interests were concerned. The Ambassador [redacted] [redacted] familiar with this problem. [redacted]

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