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SUBJECT: INTERPOL Narcotic Intelligence Program

On June 6-9, I met with President Dickopf, Secretary General Nepote and Commissioner Higgitt, representing the INTERPOL Executive Committee to discuss the joint proposal approved by the CCINC which was considered by the Executive Committee at their recent meeting in St. Cloud.

The committee expressed their definite interest in our initial proposal to increase the Organizations capability in narcotic intelligence, as evidenced by their visit to Washington, however they presented substantive practical impediments concerning the proposal in its entirety. Some of the problems, based on the Secretariats prior experience, are briefly:

- Many of the target countries, i.e., opium producing, transitting or user, would not be able to furnish qualified personnel. For example, Pakistan recently nominated a highly qualified police officer for a supervisory position at the Secretariat, however, with no bilingual capability. India has an officer currently seconded to the Secretariat and they would not be willing to sponsor an additional official.
- With the target countries financing their own officers as envisioned in the original proposal, INTERPOL would not have the prerogative of vetoing their nominee. For example, if Turkey agreed to fund their officer, it would certainly be Mr. Elver, who has just about been riffed out of the police and the current Turkish Government would be anxious to rid him to distant St. Cloud.
- The political posture of the country and organization of the police services in some of the target countries would not be any guarantee of the flow of information even if an officer of the country were stationed at the Secretariat. Classic example of this is Laos, which is politically divided into three geographical areas, with the officer from Vientiane Province having access to information only from that capitol city area.

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These practical questions along with other considerations were also presented by the committee to a special session of the Intelligence Subcommittee of the CCINC on June 7.

Following the preliminary discussions and meeting with the subcommittee, an alternative proposal was drafted by the Executive Committee, representatives of Customs and BNDD and myself, incorporating the workable portions of our original proposal with the original SEPAT Plan.

The amended proposal initially describes the purpose and reasons and indicates the initiative to be taken immediately by the Secretariat and the President plus the complete plan which would be presented to the Executive Committee for certain approval and subsequent session of the General Assembly.

As indicated in the measures to be taken prior to the General Assembly, Dickopf will, in addition to corresponding a personal appeal to selected countries, along with the Secretary Generals forthcoming letter enlisting pertinent information, will travel to potential countries to attempt to recruit the three permanent liaison officers funded by the respective countries. It is believed Italy and Sweden may be receptive to assigning personnel for this mission. It was also expressed by the committee that one of the liaison officers be from the United States.

Dickopf would also travel to Turkey to enlist a Turkish officer funded by the Secretariat. The Executive Committee feels strongly that the Turk be funded by the Organization giving them the prerogative of vetoing a particular nominee should there be a security question. Dickopf will also travel to the Far East to enlist a recruit for the Regional Liaison Officer position, possibly from Singapore, to handle Southeast Asia, and to Caracas to handle Central and South America.

The Secretariat will also take immediate steps including transferring of staff and physical security measures for the INTERPOL Drug Squad to insure the security of documents and satisfy many countries concern including the United States.

Regarding the implementation and financing of the plan, Nepote advised that the Executive Committee will be presenting a 38% increase in the member contributions to be voted on at the General Assembly. To increase that amount to cover this plan would, in all probability, bring strong opposition from the majority of the countries who are not especially concerned about illicit narcotic traffic.

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Nepote will, on June 22, present the proposal to the United Nations for funding from the special fund and advise us of the UNs reaction.

Charles Rogovin of the Ford Police Foundation advised in a meeting with the Executive Committee that the proposal, although worthy, would not meet the criteria of the Foundation to qualify for a grant.

Recommendations

1. Present the amended proposal to the Intelligence Subcommittee and CCINC for approval.
2. Transfer of appropriate funds as previously authorized to Dickopf to travel to enlist the required personnel for the plan.
3. USG support of Dickopfs travel and encouraging those countries visited for support.
4. Assignment of a Senior Customs Agent to the Secretariat for the liaison officer position as soon as possible, certainly prior to the General Assembly, to indicate our support and interest.
5. Assignment to the Secretariat of a BNDD Agent to fill the "additional officer" position for analysis of intelligence received at the Secretariat through this plan.
6. USG support of INTERPOLs request for funding the proposal from the UN Special Fund for a minimum of three years

or funding of the plan by the International Narcotic Control Program.

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cc:
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One of the fundamental activities of the ICPO-Interpol is the collection of information on international criminal matters, analysis and prompt dissemination to interested and affected countries. This is particularly essential in the fight against international illicit narcotic traffic.

Interpol has been mentioned by numerous international organizations as being the natural focal point for international narcotic intelligence, enforcement and control due to its established procedures, communications and systems. Since the last General Assembly in Ottawa in September 1971, the SEPAT plan for Europe, or "liaison officers", has been established in order to assist in the collection of pertinent narcotic intelligence. Since the inauguration of the SEPAT plan and due to the intense interest in all parts of the world regarding the trafficking of narcotics and especially the effect on the young people, the ICPO General Secretariat has seen necessary to take the following additional measures:

An appeal by the General Secretariat to all member countries for the submission of prompt reports of illicit narcotic trafficking in accordance with the numerous resolutions adopted by the General Assemblies in previous years.

An extraordinary appeal by the President of ICPO-Interpol to certain key countries for timely reports on illicit narcotic trafficking.

Evaluation and improvement of security of narcotic intelligence at the General Secretariat.

Inquiry as to availability of funds from international governments and private foundations.

Urge additional member countries to second police officers to the General Secretariat.

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In order to improve the present situation of (a) delay and difficulty of obtaining timely detailed information from the National Central Bureaus and (b) adequate staff at the General Secretariat to evaluate and correlate the intelligence received, it is proposed that the following measures be adopted.

1. As indicated by the report submitted by the General Secretariat, it appears that the SEPAT plan is progressing satisfactorily and expected to produce concrete results, however,

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certain amendments are necessary. The three liaison officers, currently on loan to the General Secretariat for the specific mission, should be on the permanent staff of the Secretariat in order to conduct more effective missions and properly evaluate the information received upon completion of their missions.

2. Certain key narcotic producing or trafficking countries have found insurmountable obstacles in the dispatch of timely information due to their unavailability of one of the ICPO language requirements. It is certain, for example, that the presence of a Turkish Police officer at the Secretariat would allow the Turkish N.C.B. to send much more information than is presently dispatched now.

3. For regions of the world distant from the Secretariat (Southeast Asia, South America) a liaison officer based at the Secretariat traveling to those regions would be a highly expensive proposition. It is then necessary to consider the creation of regional ICPO-Interpol liaison officers, one for Southeast Asia (Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Indonesia) and South America (Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, Ecuador, etc.) to conduct scheduled visits to the countries in their geographical area for the collection of pertinent narcotic intelligence and its transmission to the General Secretariat for evaluation and dissemination.

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Implementation and Financing

It is evident that the information provided through the above plan will increase the work load in the drug area at the General Secretariat and in the total administration of the Secretariat. For example, it is necessary to foresee an additional police officer, secretary and translator to staff the requirements of the permanently assigned liaison officers, as well as the regional liaison officers. It is also necessary that appropriate funds be provided for the trips of both the permanently stationed liaison officers and the regional officers.

Three liaison officers to St. Cloud	\$100,000
One Turkish Police officer	30,000
Trips for these officers	30,000
One secretary	8,000
One translator	15,000
One police officer	30,000
Two part-time regional liaison officers	30,000
Trips for these officials	12,000
General expenses	<u>10,000</u>
Total	\$265,000

The sum of \$25,000 has been provided in the draft budget for 1973 for the part-time liaison officers within the existing system. It is then necessary to now finance \$240,000 of the above plan. Although strong efforts will be made to recruit

the three liaison officers permanently assigned to the Secretariat and the two regional liaison officers at the expense of individual countries for a savings of \$160,000. If this recruitment and funding is totally unsuccessful, \$240,000 would be necessary to implement the plan.

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