

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Far East Division

SUBJECT : [] Management

REFERENCE : C/FE Memorandum to DD/P, 7 July 1964

1. With reference to our conversation on this subject, I believe it would not be in the best interests of FE and SOD to re-raise this long-standing issue at the present time. The cable [] referred to in your memorandum contains a statement which is admittedly objectionable. However, in mitigation (although not justification) there have been cables from the Vientiane Station which were considered equally objectionable by [] management. The most recent manifestations of conflict between [] and Station and Embassy personnel have concerned handling of the [] in Laos and the utilization of Air America pilots to fly T-28 combat missions.

2. It is my conviction that the issues involved have been the subject of appropriate Headquarters guidance to the field in cable form and that ground rules have been established which, if adhered to, should eliminate these specific problem areas. (An example - [] - of such guidance is attached. This particular cable established the ground rules which apply to utilization of [] pilots in covert air operations.) If it is necessary to reiterate these ground rules to any field elements, I believe this can be readily handled by SOD and FE in coordination with other applicable Headquarters elements.

APPROVED FOR
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(Signed) []