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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)
SUBJECT : Technical Support in the Far East


1. Attached memorandum to C/FE (Attachment A) outlines our opinion of the adequacy of technical support as proposed in the new FE field T/O.

2. Before this memorandum was signed it was discussed on 28 October with Chief, FE and his Chief of Administration. They did not disagree as to the principle but suggested we postpone the matter for a day to permit them to check up on the facts as to the number of slots provided. On 29 October TSS was informed by telephone that the proposed FE field T/O had 22 technical support slots including one military.

3. As your staff officer charged with advising you with regard to technical support matters I feel I must inform you that in our opinion the level of technical support contemplated cannot fail to have a serious effect upon the efficiency and effectiveness of the operations in this area.

4. Attachment (B) indicates the present and previous inadequacy of authentication support in this area, and the effect which this lack has had on the success of operations. The proposed T/O reduces the apparent level of operations by 25% but reduces technical support by 66 2/3%. Authentication alone, therefore, will be even less adequate than previously.

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Chief, Technical Services Staff

Attachments:
(A) and (B) as stated.

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