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OLC 72-0809
cc: Symington

17 July 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : Memorandum dated 11 July 1972 to Executive Director-Comptroller from ACFE; Subject - Senator Symington Request for Information on Laos and Cambodia.

1. On 14 July [redacted] OPPB, and I met with Mr. Colby to discuss subject memorandum. Mr. Colby had briefed the Director who generally concurred in the position recommended by FE.

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2. It was agreed that:

A. FE would provide State with the CIA fourth quarter expenditures using the same general categories as contained in the prior reports.

B. Details of CIA expenditures would not be provided State for submission to Senator Symington (in his role as Chairman of the Subcommittee on U.S. Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad).

3. In concurring in the State draft letter to Symington (copy attached), we will request elimination of the last sentence on page 1 - i.e. "The CIA has informed, etc." - and suggest the letter be sent as otherwise drafted. When State prepares the followup letter to Symington providing the details of the FY 72 expenditures a footnote will have to be added as follows: "This breakdown does not include details of the expenditures incurred by the Central Intelligence Agency." While we will strongly recommend this action to State we will leave the decision to them whether or not to put this footnote in the attached draft (as a sentence rather than a footnote) or handle as a footnote in the subsequent letter to Symington.

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State Department review completed

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4. In accord with the above, Mr. Maury, OLC, and talked to Mr. Braswell, Staff member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who agreed that such detailed information on CIA expenditures should be provided only to the CIA Oversight Committees, i.e., SASC.



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Attachment: As Stated

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July 12, 1972

MEMORANDUM TO: DOD/DSAA-Mr. Morris
CIA/OGC-[redacted]
CIA/FE-[redacted]
AID/SA/IR/LT-Mr. Thompson
AID/GC-Mr. Ludacer
L/EA-Mr. Johnson
EA/LC-Mr. Davis
AID/SA/IR/C-Mr. Kamens
PM/PA-Mr. Pernick

FROM: PM/MAS - Robert T. Grey

SUBJECT: Senator Symington's Letter on
Laos and Cambodian Ceilings

I am forwarding still another draft of a proposed response to Senator Symington's letter on the Cambodian and Laos ceiling. Please let me have your comments or suggested revisions by COB, Friday. (14 July 1972)

If I do not hear from you, I will assume that you and your respective agency or bureau have cleared the letter.

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Dear Senator Symington:

This letter is in response to your letter of June 15 to Secretary Laird and your July 1 letter to Secretary Rogers requesting information concerning the implementation of Section 505 of the Defense Procurement Authorization Act of 1971 and Section 655 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1971.

I am enclosing the initial message to the field of November 29, 1971, concerning Section 505 of the Military Procurement Authorization Act pertaining to the Laos ceiling. This telegram was prepared on an interagency basis and represents the basic continuing guidelines for Embassy Vientiane in preparing its reports under Section 505.

I am also forwarding copies of the supplemental instructions prepared by the Department of Defense concerning reporting on programs covered by Section 505, as well as some AID instructions designed to supplement the basic instructions, particularly for further guidance on narcotics and regional development expenditures. The CIA has informed us that it has sent no instructions concerning Section 505 other than those contained in the initial interagency message.

As you are aware, Section 655 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1971 requires that the accounting on the ceiling on assistance to Cambodia be made on the basis of obligations. This accounting is done in Washington. Therefore, apart from transmitting notification of the passage of the FAA and the text of Section 655 to Embassy/ ^{Phnom Penh}, no instructions were sent to the field concerning this ceiling.

We are also preparing the periodic reports for the fourth quarter of FY 1972 on assistance to Laos and Cambodia, and plan to forward them to the Congress by July 30. We hope to be able, at the same time, to give a report on assistance provided under the Laos and Cambodia ceilings in FY 1972, with the understanding that the Laos figures for the first half-year are on the basis of the best estimates available since procedures for reporting on an expenditure basis were not established for the first half-year.

We are also preparing a more detailed, classified breakdown of the assistance provided under these ceilings in FY 1972, and will forward this to you when it is completed.

Finally, in the case of Laos, we are also preparing an accounting of the cost of all items which are intended for the use of the Royal Lao Government and which will be counted against the Laos ceiling when they are delivered.

I hope that the enclosed documents and those being prepared will be helpful to you. We will make every effort to answer any further questions which you may have.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Abshire

Enclosures

1. (telegram No., etc.)
2. DOD Instructions
3. AID Instructions