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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Additional Notes on the NSC Meeting of 4 March




1. ROK Forces to Laos

The question of sending ROK forces to Laos was settled. The President will inform Rhee that public opinion with the U. S. would not support the sending of ROK forces to Laos in view of the fact that U. S. forces are still tied up in Korea -- if U. S. forces are needed to help defend South Korea, it seems obvious that all available ROK forces should be retained in South Korea.

2. South Asia

The Vice President stressed the importance of using UN agencies in South Asia wherever possible. The UN is held in high regard and its agencies would be less politically vulnerable than those of the U. S.

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In connection with the discussion in the DCI's oral report of the use of  the Vice President mentioned that  was now ^{touring} ~~visiting~~ the country and suggested that the Director contact him. The DCI noted that he might be asking the Vice President for help some time in obtaining the appropriations needed for ^{ma} ~~greater~~ work.  the Vice President confidently assured the DCI that he "didn't need to worry."

4. Stassen Report

In addition to the notes of his briefing which Mr. Stassen furnished the DCI and which were distributed at the Deputies' meeting on 5 March, Mr. Stassen also noted that Japan was holding back on her economic development to a certain extent in order to avoid having to pay inordinately large reparations to Indonesia and the Philippines. The reparations problem should be settled as soon as possible to bring along Japanese economic development.

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Mr. Stassen noted particularly the morale problem on Taiwan and the great need of the Chinese Nationalists for some hope, suggesting that we hold out to them the possibility of return if uprisings should take place against the Communist regime on the mainland.

Mr. Stassen mentioned favorably the development of the Indonesian police and recommended that they be further built up as rapidly as possible.

5. Soviet Strength Estimate in FCDA Report

The DCI asked whether or not CIA had finished the estimate that was an Annex to the FCDA Progress Report. O/NE has been asked to answer this and will probably forward the answer within the next two days.

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