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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Ambassador []

PRESENT: Mr. Leddy, []

1. At the request of the Ambassador a meeting was held in Mr. Leddy's office. The Ambassador raised the question as to what aircraft we are morally bound to assist [] in procuring as a result of the PBSUCCESS period. He stated that [] had advised him that we had such a moral obligation. The Ambassador asked whether [] could be brought to Washington for the period 28 August to September 1 to explain this matter in order to make it possible to do something about it.

2. [] pointed out that we had had a similar communication from [] and that we had asked him to advise us fully of the details and history of the situation as he knew it.

3. In reply to [] question, Mr. Leddy said that State Department policy remained firm in not giving or aiding [] to procure aircraft. Incidentally, the aircraft mentioned are P-51's.

4. [] advised the Ambassador and Mr. Leddy that he would, in about a weeks time, make available to Mr. Leddy the findings so that the Department might be prepared to discuss the matter fully with the Ambassador on his return.

5. The Ambassador was most complimentary of this Agency's performance with regard to PBSUCCESS and was high in his praise of []. He said he was satisfied that [] activities vis-a-vis [] had not been such as to compromise him or require his immediate withdrawal.

Action being taken by Headquarters:

- a) [] being requested to cable summary of plane situation; original Headquarters' instructions had called for a pouch. Action []

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b) A complete review of this situation through study of Headquarters' cable files. Action - []

c) Recommendation: That [] be brought up for a visit to coincide with Ambassador's return. Action []

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