

Project - Vietnam

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MEMORANDUM

TO : President John A. Hannah
FROM : Milton E. Muelder
SUBJECT: Salary clearances police specialists Vietnam project

Attached is a letter which we regard as a matter of great urgency. I discussed briefly with you yesterday the problem of salary clearance which we are having with ICA (formerly FOA) and that Professor Killingsworth was making a special trip to Washington to try to get Dr. Russell's concurrence in allowing the salary incentive for police officers who must resign their positions in order to take assignment with our mission in Saigon. Professor Killingsworth was unsuccessful in getting Dr. Russell to budge. We are informed that only by bringing pressure at the highest levels that there can be any hope of resolving this problem satisfactorily. Hence, our letter from you to Mr. Hollister.

If any other appropriate and effective action occurs to you we would be most appreciative. Professor Brandstatter called us this morning from Dallas, Texas. He is absolutely desperate and assures us that we might as well close out the police training program unless salary clearances are agreed to as we have outlined in our letter, namely current earnings plus 25 percent to establish base pay.

We are sorry to have to include ourselves in your very busy and full program.

Milton E. Muelder