

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Indo-China Mission

Yesterday I discussed the desirability of a contract for the Indo-China mission with President Hannah and advised him that if I were to enter into the negotiations, I would like him to call Mr. Stassen and have one person designated with whom I could deal.

President Hannah attempted to call Mr. Stassen, but he was out of the city and the call was referred to Mr. Salter. President Hannah then asked me to get on the phone and I discussed the matter with Mr. Salter. I found that they expected the mission to be financed as follows:

1. The four members of the party would be placed on the Government payroll at a salary of \$-0-. This means that the College would have to carry the entire cost of their salaries while they are on the assignment.
2. The Government expects to purchase transportation for the men.
3. The party will receive regular Government travel allowance of \$6.00 while in air travel status, \$10.00 in the United States, and varying amounts in the countries visited. If this allowance does not cover their actual expenses, Mr. Salter indicated that the individuals would be expected to cover the differences out of personal funds.
4. In response to my inquiry about insurance, I was advised that the Government would expect to provide emergency medical care if the men were injured or ill, even to the extent of returning them to this country. After their return any prolonged medical expense would have to be borne by them individually. There is apparently no death insurance, although Mr. Salter was not quite clear on this point and advised that he would send me the regulations on this matter.
5. In response to my inquiry about such out-of-pocket costs as for passports, inoculations, and so forth, I was advised that the men might possibly recover this by submitting a claim to FOA direct. Again, he was not certain on this point.

In view of the fact that the party will be traveling entirely as Government employees except for the fact that they will be drawing their salaries from Michigan State College, no contract is contemplated and there is nothing further that this office can do to help the mission's plans.

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