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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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December 15, 1982

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: ^{WR} WALTER RAYMOND, JR.

SUBJECT: The Asia Foundation

I believe the attached letter is necessary to send to State to clarify their role concerning the Asia Foundation. The issue has been somewhat beclouded in the working levels at State since we have opted to fund all FY 84 democracy initiatives via the USIA budgetary submission. The key is that USIA has the authorities and authorizations and it should facilitate Hill action. Secretary Shultz will be up front with an overall briefing of the concerned committees. At the same time, it is essential State maintains its operational and management role with TAF. That is the purpose of the attachment.

We will get a State prepared letter for the President to send Congress pursuant to a formal request from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. This request of May 28, 1982, asked for the President's views on the long term future of TAF at the time that the FY 84 budget was submitted.

Recommendation:

That you send the attached memorandum to Secretary Shultz.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Gaston Sigur and Bob Kimmitt Concur.

Attachment

TAB I Memorandum to Secretary Shultz for signature
 TAB II Memorandum to Secretary Shultz, same subject,
 dated August 23, 1982
 TAB III Extract of Senate Report 97464

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ
The Secretary of State

SUBJECT: The Asia Foundation (U)

I would like to follow-up on the earlier discussion concerning the Asia Foundation. As I stated in my letter of August 23, 1982 I believe TAF is an important and effective instrument in the support of our Public Diplomacy and Democracy initiatives. The only effective way to maintain the operational health of this organization is to provide adequate and sustained funding. As noted previously I believe this calls for an approximate \$10 million per annum base grant over a period of five years. This, plus the Administration's analysis of the relevance and effectiveness of this organization will, I would assume, serve as the basis of the President's report to Congress. (S)

One issue emerging from interagency discussions on the funding of Public Diplomacy and Democracy initiatives needs clarification. We have elected to have one agency (USIA) include all the democracy initiatives in its budget. This is for simplicity in presentation. As the President's key foreign policy architect, however, he would look to you to make the first major presentation of the Democracy program to Congress and to have your departmental resources fully engaged in pursuit of necessary authorizations and appropriations. In this way it will be seen as a Presidential initiative and not simply an expression of any single department. We would also inscribe in the budgetary submission that USIA would in turn allocate or transfer funds to other agencies for management of selected programs. We will be reviewing closely the overall Public Diplomacy and Democracy program at the Special Planning Group which will be created when the NSDD on Public Diplomacy is signed. (S)

In the case of TAF, I expect USIA to transfer \$10 million per annum to the Department of State. I look to the Department of State to continue its effective management of this program on behalf of the United States Government. State should thus insure that it has the authorities necessary to provide this management support to TAF. (S)

William P. Clark

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