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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Donation of C-45 Beechcraft to U. S. Marine
Corps Museum

1. Attached is a letter to Air America from the Assistant Deputy Director for Marine Corps Museum requesting Air America to donate a C-45 Beechcraft to the Marine Corps Museum at Quantico, Virginia.

2. The aircraft in question is currently located at Tainan. It has never been modified or upgraded and it would cost Air America more to return it to the U. S. than it is worth. Air America had planned to sell it for scrap. When the Marine Corps heard about this aircraft, they asked Air America if they could acquire the aircraft. As stated in the letter, they will pick it up and return it to the U. S. at their expense.

3. This particular letter was available at the time when Mr. Walter Rowen of GSA was visiting Air America to look over possible surplus aircraft which might be taken over by GSA. He was asked whether GSA would have any objection to Air America giving the aircraft to the Marine Corps Museum. He indicated that they would have no objections since the aircraft was located overseas and was not a government registered aircraft. He added that GSA had recently given surplus aircraft to the Marine Corps Museum.

4. I then discussed this proposal with the DDA pointing out that Air America would receive little in scrap value for the aircraft, that in my opinion, that it was in the best interest of the U. S. Government to donate the aircraft to the Marine Corps Museum. He concurred, subject to the concurrence of the General Counsel. Mr. of OGC was then contacted on the matter and he concurred in such a transfer.

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5. Based on the above I authorized Mr.
to take the necessary steps to donate the C-45 aircraft in
question to the Marine Corps Museum.

Air Advisor/DDA

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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR MARINE CORPS MUSEUMS
MARINE CORPS BASE
QUANTICO, VIRGINIA 22134

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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1 October 1975

Air America
Attn: Mr. Mark Peterson
1725 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Peterson:

I understand that Air America might consider donating an operational C-45 (Beechcraft) aircraft to the United States Marine Corps Museum at Quantico, Virginia. I also understand the conditions of the proposed donation would be, where is and as is.

gratefully
With the full understanding that the aircraft is presently located in the Western Pacific, the Marine Corps Museum would gratefully accept the terms.

Might I also mention the Museums standing requirement for an operational C-46 Curtiss "Commando." Should Air America ever determine that a C-46 be in excess to their needs, the Marines will provide it with a loving home.

Thank you for your interest in the Marine Corps Museum.

Sincerely,

T. M. D'ANDREA
Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps
Assistant Deputy Director