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MEMORANDUM FOR: SR/3/FI

ATTENTION : [ ]

SUBJECT : Suggested Plan for FI Exploitation of AECASSOWARY

Project

- 1. Your collation of the considerations initially pertinent to the examination of possibilities of wider FI exploitation of the AECASSOWARY Project are much appreciated. It seems to me that you have already pointed out a greater potential than has been fully exploited in the past so that a substantial area of improvement would appear to exist without radical organizational changes. As a general rule, I should prefer, before making final recommendations for the expenditure of more funds and the increase or modification of the AECASSOWARY organization, to develop incontrovertible evidence that advantages may be expected from the increase or modification commensurate with the expense or inconvenience involved.
- 2. Therefore, before implementing any of your first three recommendations, I should prefer to implement the fourth exhaustively. The next step thereafter should be to provide AECASSOWARY-2 with as full a brief as we can compile in advance to enable him to extract pertinent supplemental information from his field representatives on his next trip. I realize that unless a case officer accompanies him some pertinent information may not be elicited but I believe the loss relatively negligible at this point. And besides, it may be possible for a field case officer of acceptable qualifications to accompany AECASSOWARY-2.
- 3. An analysis of the information obtained by the aforementioned steps would give us more dependable criteria bearing upon your three other recommendations. At the same time, it seems to me we should continue to attempt to exploit such FI potential as may now exist, with the AECASSOWARY organization as it is now, but with more refined, more streamlined reporting procedures and with the advantage of AECASSOWARY-2's views (which I should still like to see reported) on how the interests of his organization can be made compatible, or made to appear compatible, with the interests of our organization.

4. I should appreciate a detailed contact report of your last meeting with AECASSOWARY-2 in due time.

cc: SR/3/PP