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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT : Agency Disengagement from the African-American Institute

1. On 13 September I attended a meeting of representatives of Agency components with possible interest in the above subject. The meeting was called by CA Staff and chaired by Emmons Brown. The purpose of the meeting was to advise of the plans for Agency withdrawal from the project and give interested parties an opportunity to pose questions, make suggestions and state reservations.

2. The Ford Foundation has a firm interest in giving support to the AAI if the Agency withdraws. State and the Directors of AAI want to clear the project from Agency ties. The CA Survey did not clearly recommend full disposal of AAI but the action is consistent with the tenor of the report.

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CA proposes to give the remaining 1963 funds to the AAI by 1 November 1963. This will sever the connection and the Directors of AAI, with State support and blessing, will be in a position to reach agreement with the Ford Foundation. It is CA's stated position that if AAI should fail to get the anticipated support; the liquidation of the project is the problem of AAI.

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4. There was discussion of various points and a suggestion or two but there were no significant reservations. Emmons Brown asked me after the meeting what I thought about the action and I expressed the opinion that he should be congratulated.

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cc: Chief, Inspection Staff

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