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FROM - USOM/Ceylon *Colombo*

SUBJECT - Reporting on Congressional Visits -
Senator Ellender

REFERENCE - ICATO Circ. A-37
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INFO: ADE BUD DDM DDP DDO EXSEC FOOD GC MPR MSR NEAA NEF NEAP O&M ONEA PRO SA			<p>Senator Ellender arrived in Colombo, Ceylon on the afternoon of Monday, August 27, 1956, and departed on the morning of Sunday, September 2, 1956.</p> <p>On Tuesday, August 28, the Counselor of the Embassy advised the Acting Director, USOM, of the information desired by the Senator concerning the activities of the Mission.</p> <p>On Friday, August 31, the Counselor called the Acting Director stating that the Senator had requested the latter's presence at the Embassy for interview.</p> <p>The Acting Director spent forty-five minutes with the senator who was pleasant and courteous throughout the meeting.</p> <p>Reporting in accordance with reference Circular:</p> <p>1 - The Senator was appreciative of the fact that the Mission was newly established and therefore had no physical progress to report on projects. He was advised that project agreements were signed on June 28 following the submission to ICA/W of blueprint documents and the allotment of funds on June 21. He was also advised that GOC representatives were extremely cooperative and no difficulty was being experienced.</p> <p>2 - The Senator appeared interested in the fact that primary emphasis was being laid on improving the agricultural situation in Ceylon.</p> <p>3 - The Senator made no comments on any particular project. He did state, however, that he was not unmindful of the fact that the project agreements were signed just two days before the end of the fiscal year. Since he recognized that the Mission had just started, he did not criticize the action but stated that he simply did not like that sort of thing.</p>

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4 - The Senator requested the following specific information:

- a - Funds made available in FY 1956 and how utilized;
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- c - Positions filled and unfilled, administrative and program.

We attach three copies of material furnished to the Senator.

5 - At the Ambassador's staff meeting this morning, we were advised that the Senator stated he was favorably impressed with the Mission.

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