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Use of USIC's and BINAC's for Procurement

REF : USIA Report, undated, entitled: "U.S. Information Centers and Binational Centers Abroad"

1. As originally outlined at a meeting between Mr. Henry Loomis and his staff in USIA and members of the CIA Library, the referenced report has been studied here to determine what potential, if any, the Information Centers and Binational Centers of USIA might have for strengthening the procurement of publications through facilities of the overseas establishments of the Foreign Service.
2. At the outset, it should be made clear that prior to the separation of USIS from the Department, certain USIS personnel overseas had been assigned the ad-hoc PPO functions by the Chief(s) of Mission of the area(s) concerned. This was particularly true of certain posts in Southeast Asia, in the Near East, and in Latin America. Since the creation of USIA as a separate agency, this assignment of certain USIA personnel in the capacity of ad-hoc publications procurement officers has continued, e.g., Mr. Maurice Leach, USIA Librarian, Cairo; Mr. Harris Peel, USIA Information Officer, Damascus; and Mrs. Maude M. P. Sandvig, USIA Librarian, Mexico.
3. It is certainly recommended that the above USIA officials be continued in their part-time assignments, barring full-time replacements by the Department. As a matter of fact, it is desirable that as many USIA elements in the field as is practicable be responsive to the needs of Federal agencies in general in respect to foreign publications.
4. As to the Information Centers and Binational Centers listed in the referenced report, there are areas covered therein which could conceivably add to the richness of publications procurement, were we able to use them. In all cases, these areas are those in which no full-and/or part-time PPO is presently assigned.

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U. S. Information Centers

I. Europe

1. Algiers, Algeria*
2. Rome, Italy*
3. Copenhagen, Denmark
4. Oslo, Norway
5. Stockholm, Sweden*
6. Trieste, Free Territory of*

II. Near East, South Asia and Africa

1. Leopoldville, Belgian Congo
2. Tehran, Iran*
3. Tel Aviv, Israel*
4. Tunis, Tunisia

III. Far East

1. Phnom Penh, Cambodia*
2. Vientiane, Laos*
3. Kuala Lumpur, Malaya*
4. Manila, Philippines

IV. Latin America

Montevideo, Uruguay*

V. Binational Centers

Caracas, Venezuela*

5. The centers starred with an asterisk are those considered especially important, and would serve as a guide to USIA in indicating our major areas of interest currently weakest from a procurement point of view. These starred items are eleven (11) in number, and would supplement very well the posts now having full- or part-time PPO's.

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