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Laos Funding

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : GAO Audit of Laos Programs

1. Mr. Hal Levin, AID/SA/LC, informed me that Messrs. Tomlason, Johnson and Chunta of the Washington GAO Office had visited Mr. Levin on 12 December 1972 to advise him of the GAO plan to audit Laos programs - specifically AID, Military, Narcotics and the expenditures reported under the Symington Amendment. Tomlason stated that the audit was self-generated by GAO and not the result of a specific Congressional request (although he would not be surprised if such a request was levied). Since the audit is self-generated, Tomlason further stated that the draft report would be shown to AID and DOD prior to finalizing. The audit is to begin almost immediately with the arrival of two auditors from the GAO Bangkok office who would, with the three listed above, review the Washington records. The audit team expects to conduct the Laos field audit between February and June 1973.

2. Representatives from State, AID, and DOD/ISA speculated whether or not Ambassador Godley would request postponement of the audit especially if a ceasefire situation exists in Laos in February.

3. While no specific mention was made of an audit of CIA records (those pertaining to the Symington controlled expenditures), it was believed that CIA would undoubtedly become involved through audit of the military records on expenditures on behalf of the Lao Irregular Programs.

4. Mr. Levin promised to keep me informed on the status of the audit.

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