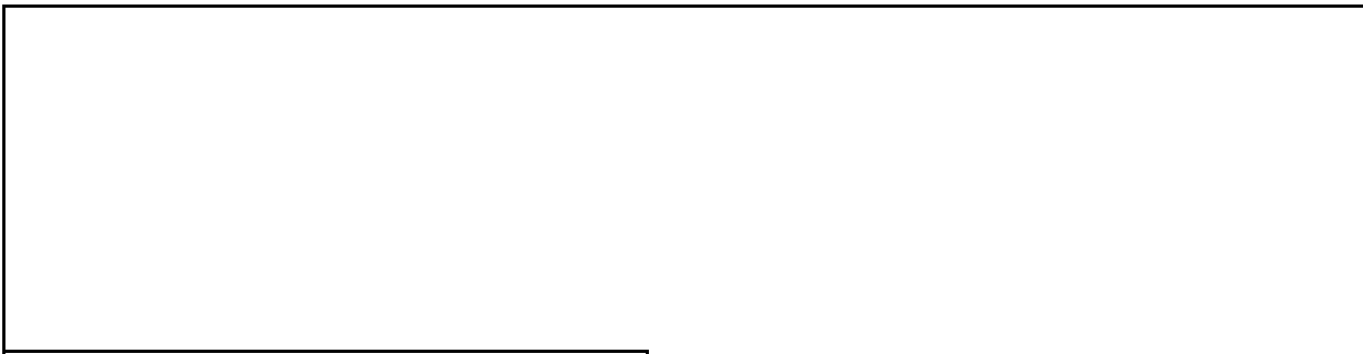


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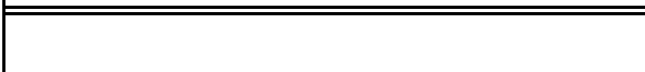
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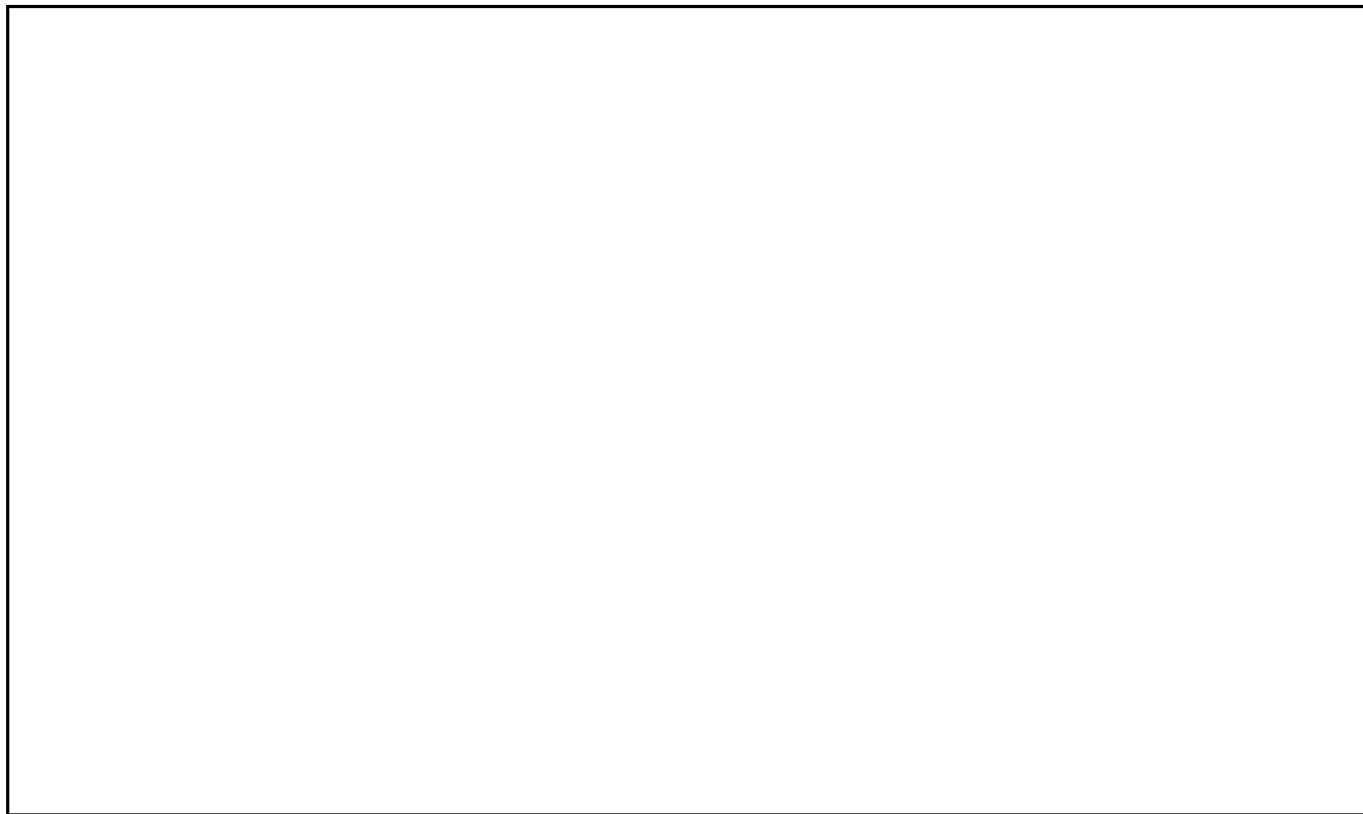
Met with Miss Helen Mattas, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, and reviewed the portion of the transcript of the statement of Maurice J. Williams, Deputy Administrator, AID, of 21 March relating to questions concerning the GAO report referenced in the New York Times of Sunday, 19 March. Mr. Williams repeated the agreed statement verbatim with the exception that he corrected the figure 250,000 Lao refugees giving the correct figure 280,000. The tone of his response was unequivocal and to the point that USAID is not providing support for Lao military/paramilitary forces and dependents. Miss Mattas also gave me a copy of the prepared statement read into the record by Mr. Williams.

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FE Division, has been advised.



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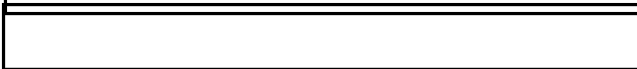
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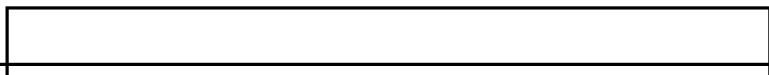
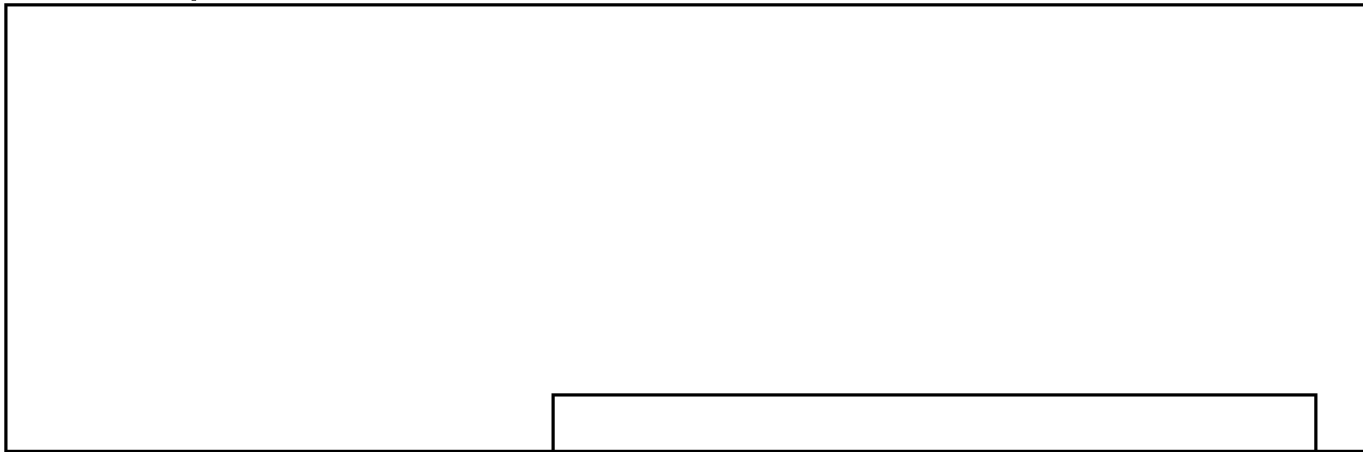
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Talked to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and asked whether his reference to Senator Symington's pressing for further hearings on Laos meant that the Agency might be called up on this subject. Braswell said he thought this unlikely and that probably State would be called up. He said there was no chance of the Director being called to testify this week on the Agency budget, but it was remotely possible that the DDCI confirmation might come up Thursday.



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