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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Reply to Support Cables [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: Memorandum for the Director of Logistics from the Deputy Director (Support), dated 7 March 1957, subject same as above, requested that the Office of Logistics check action on EN CASES: 3366, 44298, and 44949

1. Reference cables were originated by FE Field and requested that headquarters fill eight field positions. As of date, two Logistics employees have already departed for the field, two are currently in process to go to the field, and as of 8 March 1957, FE Headquarters levied a firm request on the Office of Logistics for the remaining four. It is anticipated that in the near future, the Office of Logistics will provide FE Headquarters with the names of four Logistics employees available for processing into the remaining four positions. Additional details concerning action taken on referenced cables are to be found in attachments. In general, delays in complying with the field requests were due to the apparent inability of FE Headquarters to levy firm requirements upon the Office of Logistics for types and grades of employees.

2. In the past, the Office of Logistics has encountered such difficulty in obtaining from FE Headquarters firm requests to fill Logistics positions. Action accorded referenced cables is another case in point. In order that the Office of Logistics accomplish a planned and orderly rotation of qualified personnel to the field, it must have firm requirements as expressed in terms of position titles and numbers, approved grades, duties to be performed, and accurate qualification requirements. Without such information being available to the Office of Logistics well in advance of the date when personnel are desired to arrive in the field, a planned and effective rotation of qualified employees to the field is difficult to accomplish.

3. The Logistics Career Board is appreciative of the need to effect a rapid movement of personnel to the field in order to meet new or revised personnel requirements generated by sudden or unplanned revisions of existing tables of organization and will continue to comply with such requirements. However, it is felt that, normally, only relatively few urgent cases of this

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type should arise and that the great bulk of our overseas Logistics positions should be filled through a planned and orderly process in which Headquarters levies firm personnel requirements upon the Office of Logistics well in advance of the date when such personnel are desired to report in the field.

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Director of Logistics

Attachments:

1. Resume of action taken by the Office of Logistics on DE CABLES: 33666, 11298 and 11949
2. Memorandum from Logistics Career Management Officer to Chief, PE Personnel, dated 11 January 1957, subject: Logistics Designated Field Positions and Rotation of Logistics Designees

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