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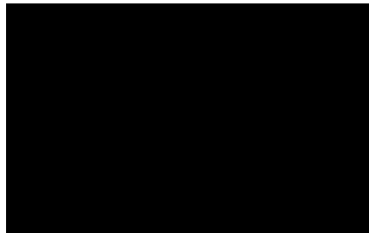
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Discussion of Two Logistics Problem Areas Involving NEA

1. Recently there have been some misunderstandings between the Office of Logistics and NEA concerning (a) procurement of air conditioners; and (b) OL processing of [redacted] type requisitions received directly from NEA field installations.

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2. A meeting was held this date for the purpose of resolving any specific problems to be developed during the course of the meeting and to clarify any misunderstanding which might exist. In attendance at this meeting were:



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2 - [redacted] WFC  
4 [redacted]

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3. Following is a brief description of the problems discussed and the conclusions which were reached:

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3. WFC wa. 9/25

a. NEA Processing of Requisitions for Air Conditioners to be Used in the Field:

The Office of Logistics delegated limited authority to the DD/P for field procurement of air conditioners to be used in government-provided quarters overseas. DD/P in turn, through the medium of [redacted], redelegated this authority through the Chiefs of the Operating Divisions to [redacted] selected Chiefs of overseas Stations and Bases. NEA Division has interpreted [redacted] as delegating approval for procurement of air conditioners to the Chief of the Division. It was pointed out that such is not the case and that the original OL letter to the DD/P was intended to permit procurement of air conditioner units in the field and that when such action is not possible, requisitions would be processed through existing headquarters channels. [redacted] as a result of this meeting, has agreed to prepare [redacted]

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[redacted] which have been delegated authority for field procurement of air conditioners

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by the Chief, NEA. This [redacted] will specifically request each Chief of Station or Base involved to inform headquarters whether or not [redacted] is able to procure air conditioners in his area within the limitations imposed by the NEA delegation. [redacted] further stated that the results of such inquiry would be made known to the Office of Logistics and that this advice from the field would be used as partial justification on future requisitions for headquarters procurement.

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b. OL Processing of [redacted] Requisitions Received from NEA Stations and Bases:

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By means of a memorandum dated 9 August to the Director of Logistics (attached) the Chief, NEA requested that OL take no action on [redacted] requisitions received from the field without first coordinating the requisition with the NEA Logistics Officer. As explained by Mr. [redacted] this step was taken to insure that NEA field stations do not procure items which they do not need, thus expending NEA funds which are in short supply. [redacted] pointed out that the Office of Logistics takes action on such dispatches from the field only when they are limited to inexpensive, administrative support type materiel such as office supplies or spare parts. He further pointed out that in the event a [redacted] (requisition) was received from an NEA Station or Base for items other than these routine administrative type supplies, no action would be taken by OL without coordinating the request with the NEA Logistics Officer. It was agreed that [redacted] would meet with [redacted] on Tuesday, 3 September, at which time this matter would be further discussed and resolved, if possible, within the intended framework of the [redacted] procedure.

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