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Dear Lou:

It has recently come to my attention that OS may have plans to reprogram Security Supplemental funds identified for local guard programs (LGP). I hope this is not the case, because several OSPG members, including USIA, are engaged in ongoing discussions concerning OMB's intentions governing use of those funds, and to decrease the total amount available until the issue is satisfactorily resolved, would cause serious concern.

Ms. Brenda Sorague, OS Administrative Officer, met with representatives of USIA, DIA and USAID on November 4, 1986 and indicated the Supplemental's LGP monies were intended to cover "enhancements," but would not underwrite increased costs for agencies other than State where new contracts to enhance the professionalism of the local guard programs were involved. It was our understanding that these LGP Supplemental monies were meant to cover the needs of all U.S. Government agencies abroad, and not just those of the Department of State. We believe until this issue is resolved, any reprogram plans would best be held in abeyance. I hope you can address this situation at the next OSPG meeting or sooner, if possible. Once again, thank you for your help in this and other security matters of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

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