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December 19, 1951

Alan Valentine The Committee for a Free Asia San Franciscok California

With reference to your EJ-25, I believe that the memorandum on BGRHYTHM-DTPILIAR relationships, dated December 5, 1951, will answer your questions. Confidential relationships are acceptable but under the condition that they are not inconsistent with DTPILLAR's overt objectives and may be revealed without embarrassment in light of those objectives.

Specifically, all of the cases which you mention in your EJ-24 are acceptable. Although the special need for confidential relationships in Hong Kong is recognised, it is hoped that to the greatest extent possible you will operate quite openly elsewhere. The character of your operations should always be determined by the basic goal of achieving so Asian a coloration in your motivation and sentiments that the taint of American sponsorship is removed and the need for confidential relationship where prompted on that score, eliminated.

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