

30 April 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Questions raised and agreements reached at a meeting held on 30 April 1952 at which Mr. Siegbert

(NE), (FE), (PY), (GM), (Commo), (AL), and (OD/OP), (BD/BF), (IO) were present.

FE Comments by

Item 207 - The FE Division suggested that DTPILLAR consider the possibility of bringing labor leaders, women, professional people, and people other than students over to this country.

Asian Operations - FE stated that budget approval represented program approval but not specific project approval. FE thinks projects should be coordinated -- particularly in the field -- as implemented. It was stated that there would be close coordination between the witting DTPILLAR representative and the station chief, in accordance with the agreed upon Terms of Reference.

FE also raised the question of whether there was to be a covert connection between the overt DTPILLAR representative in the field and the local committees. Mr. Siegbert said this would be considered on an ad hoc basis, but that it did not seem to be feasible to make such relationship covert in most cases.

Korean Operations - The FE Division suggests that more attention be directed at Korea.

Transfer of Projects - It was agreed that certain going projects which are presently operated by the FE Division would be considered for transfer to DTPILLAR. Those projects on which it is mutually agreed should be transferred will be turned over to DTPILLAR with the balance of funds allotted for such projects for the fiscal year.

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It was agreed that DTPILLAR would consider proposals by the FE Division for new projects provided contingency funds provided for in the budget were available but that these would have to be considered on an individual basis at the time.

FE comments on specific items under Asian Operations, page 6 -

- Item 2 and 3 - FE thinks these are high.
- Item 4 FE thinks this should be raised.
- Item 5 OK
- Item 6 OK
- Item 7 This is outside FE's jurisdiction.
- Item 8 OK
- Item 9 OK
- Item 10 FE asked why Chinese scholars are not substituted for Jesuits.
- Item 11 OK
- Item 12 OK
- Item 13 FE thinks this is excellent and asked whether it could be expanded.
- Item 14 OK
- Item 15 FE thinks this idea is good but recommended against teaching U.S. language and history and asked whether other subjects such as jurisprudence should not be introduced. Also FE suggested using Asians to fill the chairs.
- Item 16 OK
- Item 17 OK
- Item 101 FE wished to stress the need for coordination in this field and suggested that DTPILLAR concentrate on Indochinese rather than Chinese.
- Item 102 FE points out that magazines have limited appeal in Asia and warns that we proceed with caution.
- Item 104 Excellent
- Item 105 FE thinks this is excellent but suggests Indonesia be included. Also FE feels that newspapers should be supported but not owned and operated by DTPILLAR.
- Item 107 OK
- Item 108 FE feels very strongly that the books should be written, drawn, and printed by Asians and published on paper bought and manufactured in the native countries.
- Item 109 FE suggested that an additional reporter or editorial specialist be considered for Malaya.
- Item 111 OK
- Item 112 OK

The FE Division wished to emphasize the importance of getting the publication effort into the rural areas as well as the urban ones. It was pointed out that buying newsprint can be a very good opening wedge for DTPILLAR in many areas.

Radio Free Asia budget - [] stated that information with respect to targets, type of program, etc. could not be given the FE Division until a policy decision is made with respect to international broadcasting. He suggested that we defer any comment by FE until that decision is made, to which [] agreed.

NE Comments by []

NE had no comment other than noting that the operating plans dovetail into their operations nicely. NE requests full headquarters coordination on efforts in that area.

BD/BF Comments by []

[] pointed out that only about [] was included in the CIA estimated FY 1953 budget for DTPILLAR, and that if the PRC approves anything over that amount it will have to state on the action record where the money is coming from. It was agreed this is an internal CIA problem.

PY Comments by []

[] stated that the facilities and programs reflected will be helpful and nothing in them conflicts with the OPC psychological warfare plan or any other CIA program in that area.

PY asked about the possibility of duplication of MSA and Point Four activity, particularly in the field of radio receiver distribution, and Mr. Siegbert assured him efforts were being made to prevent this. There is good liaison with these activities to minimize duplication.

It was pointed out that there are many new developments in the matter of radio receiving sets and DTPILLAR was advised to go slowly to be certain that their plans take into consideration such developments.

It was also pointed out that there is a black radio being planned for Formosa but it was agreed that this will not compete with DTPILLAR.

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CM Comments by []

[] asked why there was so much money spent on executive and supervisory personnel. [] answered that it was ADPC's idea to get as many people out of headquarters as possible and into the field. It was pointed out that only three persons, including a secretary, are assigned to this project in IO/PC, and it seemed to make sense to have the operations directed from San Francisco, with only general policy, program control in Washington.

[] still felt that in relation to other projects ETILIAR is top-heavy. Mr. Siegbert took exception to this and did not want it in the record.

[] said we know from experience that the cost of setting up a bookstore is high. [] pointed out that operating one is very costly because we must undercut the communist below-cost sales.

Commo Comments by []

[] questioned whether international broadcasting plans were properly related to the type of receiver sets available. He recognized that the question of capital expenditures on radio is still in a state of flux. [] assured [] that he would be consulted before any technical program is approved for international broadcasting.

Comments by []

[] had no comments.

[] concluded the meeting by saying that on the basis of the agreements reached at this meeting he hoped to obtain a sign-off on the program and budget from the divisions represented.