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FOR GOVERNOR GILLIGAN, ADMINISTRATOR

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SUBJECT: AID LIFESTYLEREF: (A) STATE 237234, (B) STATE 183815, (C) STATE 183814,  
(D) STATE 136157

1. THE BELOW LISTED U.S. EMPLOYEES OF USAID/INDONESIA WISH TO GO ON RECORD AS TAKING STRONG EXCEPTION TO THE GENERAL TONOR OF MESSAGES WHICH HAVE EMANATED FROM AID/W OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS IMPLYING THAT OUR LIFESTYLE IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH AID'S PRIMARY PURPOSE OF HELPING THE POORER ELEMENTS OF THE SOCIETIES IN WHICH WE WORK. THE OFFENSE IS PARTICULARLY ACUTE IN A RECENT TELEGRAM FROM AID/W CONCERNING THE FY 79 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION IN WHICH THE USAID IS ASKED TO LIST ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THIS MISSION TO QUOTE REDUCE THE APPEARANCE OF OSTENTATIOUS LIVING UNQUOTE. THE CLEAR SUPPOSITION IS THAT OUR LIFESTYLE IS EXCESSIVE, BOTH IN TERMS OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH WE ARE WORKING AND BY COMPARISON WITH THE WAY WE WOULD LIVE IN THE UNITED STATES. MOREOVER, THE IMPLICATION OF THE WASHINGTON MESSAGE IS THAT OUR DEDICATION TO HELPING THE RURAL POOR EXTENDS ONLY TO THE POINT WHERE OUR OWN CREATURE COMFORTS ARE THREATENED.

2. WHILE WE CANNOT SPEAK FOR OTHER USAIDS AROUND THE WORLD, THE FOREIGN SERVICE EMPLOYEES OF THIS MISSION CONSIDER THEMSELVES PROFESSIONALS DEDICATED TO THE JOB OF ASSISTING THE INDOONESIAN GOVERNMENT WITH PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE WELL-BEING OF LARGE NUMBERS OF POOR PEOPLE.

3. MOST OF US LIVE IN JAKARTA, WHICH HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AS AN UNHEALTHFUL POST. MANY OF US ALSO TRAVEL AND WORK IN AREAS WHICH ARE ISOLATED AND UNHEALTHFUL. INDEED, THE ABSENCE OF MEDICAL FACILITIES, EVEN IN THE CAPITAL CITY, NECESSITATED 32 TRIPS DURING THE PAST YEAR OUTSIDE OF INDONESIA BY EMPLOYEES AND/OR THEIR DEPENDENTS TO OBTAIN ADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE. THOSE OF US WHO ARE BASED IN JAKARTA DO ENJOY ADEQUATE SCHOOLING FOR OUR CHILDREN; HOWEVER, JOBS FOR SPOUSES AND TEENAGERS ARE UNAVAILABLE AND THE FACILITIES FOR RECREATION ARE GREATLY INFERIOR TO THOSE AVAILABLE TO AMERICANS AT HOME. JAKARTA IS A SPRAWLING, TRAFFIC CHOKED, SMOGGY, DIRTY, AND AESTHETICALLY UNAPPEALING CITY. MOREOVER, LIVING HERE GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY OF PAYING SIGNIFICANTLY MORE FOR GROCERIES AND OTHER ESSENTIAL GOODS AND SERVICES THAN WHAT THEY WOULD COST IN THE UNITED STATES. ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT OF THE EXPENSE CONNECTED WITH MAINTAINING A HEALTHY BY BLAND EXISTENCE IN JAKARTA IS COVERED BY THE COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE. IN ADDITION, MANY OF US FIND IT IMPORTANT TO SEE OUR FAMILIES IN THE U.S. MORE THAN ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS WHEN THE USG PROVIDES HOME LEAVE. TRAVEL TO THE U.S. FROM JAKARTA AND RETURN FOR AN EMPLOYEE AND TWO DEPENDENTS WILL COST ROUGHLY \$5 THOUSAND AND ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THIS WILL BE REIMBURSED IF THE EMPLOYEE DECIDES TO USE HIS RER ALLOWANCE

4. OUR HOUSING VARIES FROM COMFORTABLE TO SLIGHTLY SHABBY AND EVEN THE NICER RESIDENCES WHICH ARE FAR FROM COMMODOUS AND GENERALLY OF SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER STANDARD THAN HOUSES PROVIDED BY U.S. PRIVATE BUSINESSES ARE NOT IMMUNE FROM THE FREQUENT POWER AND WATER OUTAGES. ONE OF OUR EMPLOYEES HAS TRAPPED SIXTEEN RATS IN THE SECOND FLOOR BEDROOMS OF HIS HOUSING DURING THE PAST YEAR. ONLY THE MINIMUM OF FURNISHINGS IS PROVIDED BY THE USG. WHILE MOST OF US HAVE TWO TO THREE PERSONALLY PAID SERVANTS, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT A RECENT SURVEY OF USAID EMPLOYEES SHOWED THAT SERVANTS ARE HIRED PRIMARILY FOR SECURITY AND HEALTH PURPOSES AND, GIVEN A CHOICE, THE MAJORITY WOULD BE WILLING TO SWAP THEIR GENERALLY UNTRAINED HIRED HELP FOR A FEW GOOD AMERICAN APPLIANCES.

5. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO GIVE YOU A MORE BALANCED VIEW OF HOW WE LIVE IN JAKARTA AND TO REQUEST YOUR INTERVENTION IN BRINGING TO A HALT TO THE FLOW OF MESSAGES WHICH IMPLY THAT EMPLOYEES OF THIS USAID ARE LIVING IN A MANNER WHICH IS UNSEEMLY AND BRINGS DISCREDIT TO THE USG AND AID.

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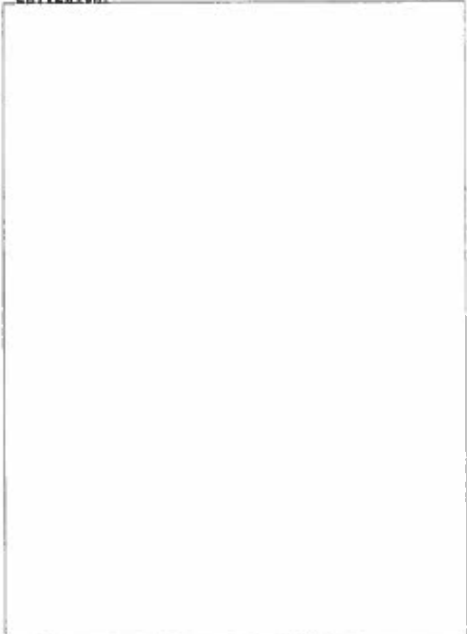
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6. WHAT CONSTITUTES A LIFESTYLE APPROPRIATE TO AID'S PURPOSES HAS NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE BEEN DEFINED. MANY OF US MIGHT AT SOME POINT IN OUR LIVES BE WILLING, ON A TEMPORARY AND/OR VOLUNTEER BASIS TO ACCEPT LIVING CONDITIONS SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW THE STANDARDS OF WESTERN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. FEW, HOWEVER, WOULD CONSENT TO SUCH CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT A WORKING CAREER OR DEPRIVE OUR FAMILIES IN LARGE MEASURE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF AMERICAN CIVILIZATION FOR REPEATED, EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME. WE DO NOT OPPOSE, OF COURSE, EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT OUR SUPPORT OPERATIONS ARE CARRIED OUT IN THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE MANNER CONSISTENT WITH MAINTAINING GOOD MORALE AND HEALTHY LIVING CONDITIONS FOR OUR EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES. REASONABLE EFFORTS TOWARD THIS OBJECTIVE WILL HAVE OUR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT.

7. ENDORSEMENT OF THIS TELEGRAM HAS BEEN LIMITED TO DIRECT HIRE AMERICANS WITH 6 OR MORE MONTHS EXPERIENCE IN INDONESIA. THE FOLLOWING NAMES REPRESENT 93 PERCENT OF THOSE EMPLOYEES NOW AT POST WHO MEET THIS CRITERION:



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REF: JAKARTA 13762

FOR AID DISSENTERS FROM LAKE-S/P

1. THIS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR DISSENT CHANNEL MESSAGE ON THE AID LIFESTYLE IN JAKARTA. MR. CURTIS FARRAR OF THE POLICY PLANNING STAFF HAS BEEN DESIGNATED COORDINATOR IN CHARGE OF A SUBSTANTIVE REPLY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH STIPULATED DISSENT CHANNEL PROCEDURES, YOUR MESSAGE HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE OFFICES OF THE SECRETARY, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OPEN FORUM, AS WELL AS THE ADMIN STRATOR OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR THE BUREAU OF EAST ASIAN AFFAIRS. WE COMMEND YOUR USE OF THE DISSENT CHANNEL AND WILL REPLY AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE TO THE VIEWS YOU HAVE SUBMITTED. VANCE

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SUBJECT: FY 1979 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION

REF: A. STATE 183815 B. STATE 183814 C. STATE 136167

1. PER REFS A AND B, MISSIONS HAVE BEEN URGED TO DIRECTLY ADDRESS GENERAL MISSION OPERATIONS TOWARD REDUCING OPERATING EXPENSES AND PER REF C, REDIRECTING LIFESTYLES TO MORE APPROPRIATELY REFLECT OUR ROLE IN HELPING THE POOR MAJORITY.

2. IN PUTTING FORTH OUR REQUEST TO THE CONGRESS FOR FY 1979 FUNDS IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HAVE AN INVENTORY IN HAND OF SPECIFIC MEASURES TAKEN, OR COMMITTED, BY USAIDS.

3. PLEASE FORWARD BY NOVEMBER 30 A LIST OF ACTIONS TO CUT COSTS AND/OR THE APPEARANCE OF OSTENTATIOUS LIVING. THIS LIST SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY NO MORE THAN ONE SHORT PARAGRAPH OF DESCRIPTIVE MATERIAL AND AN ESTIMATE OF THE DOLLAR SAVING IN FY 1978, AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS AS APPROPRIATE. CHRISTOPHER

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