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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Per Lind, General Assembly Affairs and
Administrative Section, Room 3834 A

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FROM: J. G. Lindstrom, Films and Visual Information Division, Room 955

SUBJECT: Film and Photographic Coverage of Peking Mission.

1) The Films and Visual Information Division would appreciate to get access to available coverage of the Mission both in terms of motion pictures and still photographs.

2) May I suggest that you, as soon as possible upon your arrival in Peking, enquire from the authorities concerned what coverage and distribution of material they will themselves arrange for and, at the same time, make our own requirements known. It is thus hoped that you will be able to select material for our use on various occasions.

3) Our requirements are: With regard to film - developed 35mm motion picture negative, and with regard to photo - developed negatives of still pictures in available format, preferably 2-1/4 x 2-1/4 or larger. Negative material of the film and photos are requested for quality and distribution reasons. If no motion picture negative could be made available, we would be able to use fine grain positive prints from which we then could make our own negatives. If no still picture negatives are available, we can work from large glossy prints but with poor results.

4) It is anticipated that films and photographs would be put at UN disposal free of charge. If terms of purchase would have to be negotiated, it should be noted that we would like to obtain all rights for the publicizing of the material, including TV rights for the film. As a matter of fact, this applies in any case.

5) You will be, as a matter of course, investigating how this material can best be shipped from Peking. If it is evident that it can be pouched to New Delhi in one or several batches well in advance of your departure from China, this would be a sensible arrangement for us. We would then ask the New Delhi Centre to forward everything to Headquarters at first convenience. I would like to leave it to Mr. Orrick and yourself to discuss whether some local release of the material should be undertaken from New Delhi. We would not object to any such release provided it would not delay the despatch to Headquarters to any considerable extent.

6) If there does not seem to be any satisfactory way of getting the material out before your departure, it would be advisable for you to keep it and bring it with you to New York.

7) Under all circumstances, we would appreciate being kept informed about your arrangements from time to time as part of your regular communications with Headquarters.

