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17 December 1959

Dear Chris,

..... Enclosed please find for your personal information - we are not circulating it as a document in any way - the report from Mr. Tuomioja. I know you will find it of great interest. It is not only in my view very sound and enlightening but also quite readable. I add a couple of copies if you wish to give them to ^{Dillon} ~~Bill~~ and ^{Parsons} .

As you may have seen from the papers, my next step has been to send the Commissioner for Technical Assistance out to Vientiane to straighten out all the administrative problems which will arise. He will thereafter have discussions with the Specialized Agencies. I hope to be able to get the teams going on the various projects some time early in February. Until then Tuomioja will stay on the spot. He will be relieved by a Co-ordinator on the Under-Secretary (Ambassadorial) level to whom I shall probably give a formal assignment as "Special Consultant to the Secretary-General for Co-ordination of United Nations activities in Laos"; thus I would, even in the definite arrangement, avoid the term "Representative" which ^{it some quarters,} now seems to be regarded as such a bad word. The ^{result} ~~effect~~ will be a solid political representation on top level with a sound and easily understood platform in widespread technical assistance activities.

In due time, the operation will require a lot of money which I hope we can get by ^{intention} ~~co-ordination~~ of bilateral assistance ^{with} ~~to~~ the United Nations "master

so as to
 plan ~~which~~ deprives the bilateral assistance to all possible extent, of
 political overtones; ^{might be} in that way it ~~makes it~~ possible to reconcile ~~bilateral~~
 to ^{fund raising} with the sharper accent on neutrality which the Laotians
 themselves have ^{now} chosen. ^{a somewhat more developed} When we reach ~~that~~ stage, I will appreciate very
 much to have a thorough discussion with you and with Mr. Dillon as well
 as ~~thereafter~~ negotiations with ICA.

^{As} When I am writing ^{to you} ~~this~~, I wish to use the opportunity to send you
 my very best wishes for the season and to thank you for much appreciated
 co-operation and encouragement in the past year.

The prototype for the ^{financial} ~~arrangement~~
 would be ^{the} one applied to the
 big Mellong project.

DRAFT

17 December 1959

Dear Cabot,

..... Enclosed please find a copy of the Tuomioja report which I think you will find most readable and extremely interesting. It seems to me fully to corroborate my earlier analysis and conclusions. *I* I am sending a copy directly to Mr. Herter as a courtesy and also because I have felt a little bit guilty ^{to} of ~~not~~ contacting him ^{also} personally after my return from Laos. I enclose a copy of my letter to him as it spells out a few things I have already told you but which you may find useful to have on paper for reference.

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As I am not likely to see you before I leave, I send Emily and you all my best wishes for Christmas. It was a most pleasant surprise to hear that we are likely to be able to wish each other a happy New Year in the Cameroons.