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MEMORANDUM

TO: C - Mr. Norberg

FROM: F - Mr. Anspacher

SUBJECT: Conversations with Mr. Lewis and Mr. Kellerman, Department of State GER

1. D-21 Implementation

Confirming his remarks at our last meeting, Henry Kellerman told me today that it would be perfectly honest and fair to report to the Director that the implementation of the German Plan is likely to be affected by the facilities now available in Germany for psychological operations conforming to this strategy. It is not so much a matter of having inadequate funds and/or personnel at the disposal of the PAO in HICOG, Kellerman said but it is a problem of long term capabilities.

It is important to stress that the recent allocation of 8 million Marks to the PAO will provide a temporary floating fund for application to D-21 and other projects. However, the burden of responsibility on the PAO and its counterparts in other agencies will require a severe examination of D-21 so that a sharp gradation of priorities may be assigned to the courses of action suggested in the Plan. Both Political and Public Affairs officers in Germany have welcomed the Plan and are anxious to get on with implementing it. Under present circumstances, however, only limited implementation can be taken. The Departmental (GER) view is that full and immediate implementation of D-21 is almost impossible at this point; much of it will have to be put off until a later date. In this connection, the Department also feels very strongly that any reductions in force in the German Political and Public Affairs Branches abroad would make implementation of D-21 out of the question. Continuance of at least the present allotments of personnel will be required to maintain sufficient capability in Germany to carry out our German strategy, even on a priority basis.

2. Escapes

Geoffrey Lewis was surprised to learn of the existence of the ARC Wing in Tripoli which has been suggested as a possible answer to the refugee-evacuation problem in Berlin. He admitted that although it was not to his knowledge a primary problem, this matter of logistics might well be of tremendous importance. Subject to other considerations, Mr. Lewis intends to determine if there is a requirement for Air Force support to relieve the strain of East German defection to West Berlin. However,

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Lewis is much more intent in finding a way of relieving the economic strain in the German "Laender" which would permit reception of these refugees into the West German society. The problem, as Lewis explained it is two-fold: The first part is finding a way of getting the money from MSA aside from the FEP; so far this has been impossible because of the terms of the Kersten Amendment. I pointed out to Mr. Lewis that since PSB has had a part in developing the the whole program including the Amendment it might be possible for PSB to bring some influence to bear with respect to making some of this money available.*

The second part of the problem, in Lewis's view, is to grant the aid, once it has become available, in such a way as to keep the U.S. Government out of the refugee business in Germany. In other words, some way will have to be found for making the money available to the Federal Republic with the understanding that it would be used to relieve the economic strain in the Laender and that the U.S. "hopes" that the refugees in Berlin will benefit from this relief. This is a ticklish business for State Department which is anxious not to be saddled with the whole Berlin refugee problem.

(NOTE: In connection with D-21, Kellerman has asked HICOG for an analysis of their facilities-requirements over and above their present status. It is hoped that at a meeting of the Coordination Panel to be called next week sufficient information can be obtained so that a progress report substantiating the case for strong support of the German Plan may be made.

3. Last minute reports indicate that a Plan has been developed by the HICOG Committee on D-21 and a digest of it should soon be available from Paul Davis. Meanwhile, I have asked GER to ask HICOG for copies of this. Also, with respect to the refugee problem, Lewis emphasized to me in a later telephone conversation that renewed efforts are being made now and will be made through Dr. Conant to bring Berlin and Bonn together on evacuation. (See Page 5, New York Times, January 23)

* Mr. Norberg has suggested that a combine of Kirk, Cutler and Stassen might be influential in this respect.

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