The President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I have received your letter of March 9 transmitting the report of the International Development Advisory Board and a copy of a letter you wrote to Mr. Nelson Rockefeller, Chairman of the Board.

The report in my view should make a very great contribution to better understanding of the need for improving economic conditions in the underdeveloped areas. It delineates clearly the objectives and outlines well and forcefully essential procedures to attain them.

We have benefited through discussions with Mr. Rockefeller and members of his staff during their period of preparation of the report, and are deriving further help from the report itself as we develop our present programs in Southeast Asia and the dependent territories of the U.S. territories.

The economic development and technical assistance programs for which we are now responsible are, I am pleased to report, being carried forward in line with the objectives and in the spirit of the proposals of Mr. Rockefeller's report.

We have been requested by the Bureau of the Budget to prepare, in consultation with the State Department, a plan for administration by the USA of all grant and technical assistance to underdeveloped areas. We are informed that you wish to review this plan to ascertain whether it assures a sound approach and preserves the objective of making the benefits of our scientific advances and industrial progress available for the improvement and growth of underdeveloped areas.

We are now at work on such a plan and are reflecting in it the policies and procedures proposed in Mr. Rockefeller's report.

Respectfully yours,

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Administrator