Acting on the invitation of President Quirino of the
Philippines, the President is sending William C. Foster,
Administrator of the Economic Cooperation Administra
tion, to
Manila as his special representative to discuss the report of the

Mr. Foster will leave on Saturday. He will meet with
President Quirino to discuss the needs of the Philippine Republic
for United States economic aid and the measures that the Philippine
government is willing to undertake to rebuild the country’s economy.

After the discussions with President Quirino, Mr. Foster
will visit the other countries in the Far East which are receiving
United States economic aid under ECA’s program. They are: Indo-China,
Indonesia, Burma, Thailand, Formosa and Korea. Mr. Foster will return
to Washington via Paris in late November.

Mr. Foster will be accompanied by R. Allen Griffin, chief
of the Far East Program Division of ECA, Vincent Cocchi, a special
assistant who participated in the Doll Mission, and Robert E. Ellen,
ECA Director of Information, who is establishing the information
program in Southeast Asia.