March 8, 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

In view of the present tempo of the House of Representatives with respect to foreign assistance legislation, the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and several of its members propose to combine four foreign assistance measures in order to reduce the number of times it is necessary to take such measures to the floor. The plan specifically provides for a combination of the following measures:

A. Extension of the Economic Cooperation Act;
B. The Korean Aid Bill;
C. The United Nations Palestine Refugees Aid Bill; and
D. Point IV (Technical Assistance).

Efforts to obtain action in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Point IV (Technical Assistance) have proved fruitless to date, Senator Connally having indicated that he prefers to wait until the House Committee has disposed of the bill. In view of the present intention of Judge Lee to report out an Omnibus Bill, including Point IV, it is evident that there will be some delay in the completion of Committee action on that measure. Furthermore, if the House passes an Omnibus Bill, including Point IV, Senate Committee consideration of the latter becomes even more urgent.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend, therefore, that you telephone Senator Connally at your earliest convenience and:

1. Express to him your personal interest in the Point IV legislation;
2. Explain to him that due to the intention of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to include Point IV in an Omnibus Bill action by that Committee on Point IV will be delayed beyond the time it was originally expected; and
3. Suggest
3. Suggest to him that in view of the above you would like very much to see his Committee begin consideration of Point IV (Technical Assistance) as soon as it has completed its consideration of the EDI measure.