August 5, 1949

MEMORANDUM TO MR. MURPHY

SUBJECT: POINT IV TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The State Department anticipates that the House Foreign Affairs Committee will continue hearings on MAP all through next week and will be able to report a bill on MAP no earlier than August 17th. This date will also be the earliest at which they expect the Senate to report a bill on MAP.

If the MAP bill goes immediately to the floor of the House, members of the Foreign Affairs Committee will wish to devote their energies to the debate and will not desire to have Committee hearings on Point IV Technical Assistance.

If the House Committee holds hearings on Point IV and combines the Point IV Technical Assistance and MAP in one bill, the date on which MAP can come to the floor will necessarily be extended at least another week, according to State Department estimates. This brings us down to August 24th.

If Congress adjourns the end of August or the first of September, not much time will be left for debate and passage of the MAP program under the above assumptions.

The basic problem with the inclusion of Point IV in the agenda of the House Committee would require extending the date at which Congress would adjourn beyond the first of September.

In discussing the Congressional schedule with Congressional leaders, the President might like to be advised of this situation respecting Point IV. I would like to talk to you about this at some length.

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