MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MURPHY

July 6, 1950

Subject: Point Four

At a meeting in Jack McFall's office this afternoon, the following agreements and work assignments were arrived at:

1. Leadership in the fight to restore Point Four appropriations to the full amount will be in the Department of State, which will work in close coordination with the White House. That is, State will contact men like General Marshall and General Eisenhower and request them to make public statements. State will also contact the various organizations associated with the President's Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid, and request their full support for a restoration of the full amount.

2. State will consult Ambassador Austin and request him to issue a statement, and stir up United Nations sentiment on behalf of the Point Four program.

3. Assistant Secretary Barrett will work on the press and other public relations media.

4. John Sherman Cooper has been requested to discuss the Point Four matter with Republican members of the Senate and urge their support for an enlarged appropriation. Dallas is lukewarm on Point Four, and no effort will be made to enlist his support.

5. The White House will discuss with Secretary Brannan the matter of contacting farm groups.

6. The White House will make direct contact with various labor organizations.

7. Averell Harriman will exert his own good offices wherever he can.

8. I stated that I would recommend the following actions to the President:

(a) that he request the full cooperation of the Cabinet, at the regular Cabinet meeting on July 7, Friday,
(b) that he discuss the matter with the Big Four on Monday, July 10, and

c) that he issue a public statement at an appropriate time. (A statement is now being prepared by Ambassador Hynick.)

9. As for the matter of strategy within the Senate, it is agreed that it is hopeless to expect a reconsideration of the vote within the Senate Appropriations Committee. Therefore, our only hope is for an amendment from the floor. Senator George is apparently the best man to lead a floor fight and it has been suggested that George (from the Foreign Relations Committee) and Senator Hill (from the Appropriations Committee) should offer a joint amendment for the full account. Senators Kilgore and O'Halloran can be relied upon for some help, as can Senator Connally.

10. Carl Soladine suggested that Acheson work on Senator Bridges. Before doing so, however, Acheson will check with the President.

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