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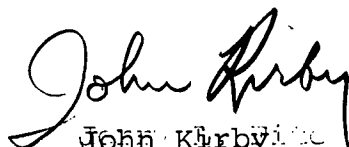
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Vaughn asked the regional directors to submit to him by close of business today the names of all countries in their region where there are hostels. He said that he would prepare a letter to the country directors requesting that they close the hostels.

Hays stated that he felt Bill Moffett was one of the best experts on agrarian reform and its relationship to the GNP. He said he hoped the Peace Corps would be able to take advantage of his knowledge.

Vaughn reiterated his support of the bond drive and said he hoped that all senior staff were taking part in the campaign. Wiggins commented that based on the targets submitted he felt the Peace Corps could double its participation.



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