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MEMORANDUM

TO : Mel Mirkin
FROM : Robert Currie *RC mt*
SUBJECT : OEO Lawyers

As a result of the last Cabinet meeting, we have new information on the OEO lawyers.

Johnston had three letters which I was able to look at. One from the Department of Interior discussing the possibility of a joint orientation for Peace Corps and OEO lawyers in June. My comment to Mr. Johnston was that this would be fine pending checking with you. I also mentioned that if the selection times did not tie-up (and we are moving as fast as we can) a joint orientation may not be feasible. Mel, I would be concerned about the joint orientation in that the direction and responsibility of the programs are so different. Particularly where one gets \$10,000 a year and the other gets \$1,000 a year.

The second letter was from OEO/Washington stating funds had been allocated and the program was go. The third was a letter from the OEO Regional Office in San Francisco stating that funds were not available and the program did not go. I believe I mentioned in my previous letter on this that OEO is having internal problems. They still seem to exist.

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