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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20525

MEMORANDUM

December 28, 1971

TO : William Inglis
Kevin O'Donnell ✓
Chris Mould

FROM : Joseph Blatchford

SUBJECT : Transfer of Responsibility for Peace Corps Operations in the
American Trust Territories from IO to DO

Please comment on the impact of a possible shift of the responsibility for Volunteer activities in the Trust Territories from Peace Corps to VISTA.

Budg. 10 | The primary motivation for such a move would be to shift the annual cost of these operations from the International budget to the Domestic budget. Since about \$1.6 Million is involved, it would help considerably in permitting us to operate within the constraints of the continuing resolution without withdrawing Volunteers. Also, since the Peace Corps operations in the Trust Territories have raised frequent legal questions because of the Act's provision that Peace Corps operations be confined to foreign countries, such a shift may have longer range programmatic benefits as well. |

| By copy of this memo, I am asking Emerson Markham to comment on the feasibility in making the budget adjustments necessary for this transfer.

Please call your comments in to me after you have made a preliminary assessment. If the step appears feasible, I intend to ask Mr. Arlen Spector to explore the subject with the Commissioner for the Trust Territories when he visits there next month.

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