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ACTIVITIES ~~PERSONNEL~~ FOR STATE AND AID
(Interviews with State and AID by Herb Jasper)

1. State Department

The following persons from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (CU) were present: Henry Smith and Mary McDonough (from the NESEA area which is almost half of the total CU program); Joe Patman (from the U.S. Office); Clayton Miller (from the Bureau's front office); and one other person. There was general agreement that the services performed by OE were adequate though there was no enthusiasm displayed. They found some value in OE's work on comparative education and on credentials though they found the former subject to be one in which the materials were frequently incomplete and out of date.

They observed that the NDEA related programs of OE require close coordination with CU programs and at least one person questioned whether they might not be appropriately administered together. Problems were sometimes encountered with NDEA grants in that appropriate ~~form~~ policy clearances were not always obtained. They cited one case where a study grant had been rejected by State on political grounds and where the same man later got an NDEA grant to do the same study.

They thought that some of OE's work, for example, geographic *and* area seminars, might be questioned. They believed that BERD might be working on program developments which had already been carried out in CU for a number of years.

No substantial changes were envisaged in the future though Mr. Smith would like to bring more foreign teachers to the United States under the Teacher Development Program. He also foresaw some greater use of seminars and similar techniques for training United States teachers abroad.

2. AID

Don McPhail and Bob Kitchen were present for the entire interview and Ted Owens joined for the latter part. Their general comments were such as to indicate a complete lack of enthusiasm for OE's work. No positive faults were identified but they felt

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that OE was probably the poorest performed^y of any of their participating agencies.

On the whole, they felt that OE was contributing little more than "tourist services" for their participants. They also have a high ratio of clerical-to-professional personnel and lack any overseas experience or contacts.

A complete review of AID's use of other agencies is in process and they may conclude that changes are desirable in regard to OE activities. However, except for the possible impact of this study, no specific changes are contemplated. McPhail believes that Dave Bell is probably just hoping that general improvements in OE will permit it to begin to perform the quality of services for them which they are accustomed to receiving from other agencies.

With regard to the 80,000 or 90,000 non-sponsored foreign students, Kitchen said that a review was in process. He believed that the State Department should take any responsibility for this problem which may be deemed appropriate for the Federal Government.

They had no comments to offer with respect to OE's internal organization for international activities.

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