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STAFF NOTES NO. 77

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1. Food and Drug Quackery. -- The Food and Drug Administration and recognized scientific groups are fighting increasing efforts by organized quackery to discredit them and thus to lessen their effectiveness in controlling worthless remedies. (U)
2. Civil Defense Education. -- In cooperation with the Civil Defense Administration, HEW is developing materials and aids for integrating Civil Defense instruction into school teacher training institutions and including Civil Defense subjects in school text books. These materials will be tested in the District of Columbia schools. (U)
3. Afghanistan Requests. -- During Mr. Hollister's visit to Afghanistan the Prime Minister expressed his appreciation for American aid and his desire for future aid for roads, agricultural and industrial development (including petroleum), education, and sanitation and health. (C)
4. Ethiopian Censorship. -- USIA reports Ethiopian government censorship of USIS film and press output on the Hungarian uprising and the President's Middle East Plan. The regime's apparent fear of offending the Soviets makes it difficult for USIS to place anti-Communist material and to obtain from press officials and local editors a forthright stand for the U. S. (C)
5. Information Media for Poland. -- Secretary Dulles has authorized negotiation of an Information Media Guaranty Agreement with Poland. At present some 20 of these agreements help American exporters to market books, films, and the like in dollar-short non-communist countries. USIA is ready to allocate around \$500,000 a year, the Polish Embassy is interested, and we may raise the subject with the current Polish economic delegation. (C)
6. NATO Air Defense. -- The SHAPE Air Defense Technical Center at the Hague, which has assisted in the significant progress on a coordinated air defense system for Europe, is negotiating with a U.S. electronics firm for the important addition of an ionosphere scatter communications network for Paris-Naples-Izmir (Turkey). While the Center's entire program has been U.S.-funded since its initiation in November 1954, international financing by mid-1958 is hoped for. (U)

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7. F - 100 Zero Length Launch (ZEL). -- To decrease the vulnerability of tactical retaliatory forces deployed in Europe and the Far East, Air Force plans a zero length, rocket launch capability for mid-1959 for the F - 100 D aircraft, which can carry a [REDACTED] weapon on a 600-700 mile radius mission. The launchers, resembling large flat-bed trailers, would be located in areas surrounding present operating bases, but outside the thermo-nuclear lethal zone. (S)

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