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Mr. H. Reid Bird
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Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bird,

Many thanks for your exceedingly kind letter of May fifth and also for the sixteen mm. motion picture which you sent to me.

Please be certain that I am in perfect accord with you as to the feelings of satisfaction and accomplishment which such a trip brings into being. After this second trip for IES, I have come to realize more and more the real need for this program and that of specialists in their field being sent abroad, and particularly to the remote places which are all too often bypassed. I believe that this program accentuates the feeling of fraternalism that is abroad today throughout the world as contrasted with the old paternalism of past years; and I believe it is most fitting that this program has originated in our country, where everyday more people are beginning to see and feel the real value in the inclusion of all races in the inter-laced patterns of living in America.

In response to your letter of April 27th, and enclosed voucher, I am also enclosing additional receipts for postage on baggage and for educational materials and materials used in demonstrations.

Another question which comes to mind is that I have in my possession Military Payment Certificates in the denominations of tens, from Series 541, totaling the amount of \$70.00, in the following numbers, F08039435F, F08896694F, F13725736F, F11953689F, F12918680F, F13075214F, F11948146F; these are left over from Korea where they would not give me dollars in cashing a government check but rather gave me Military Payment Certificates. Here in New York I have had no luck in having them changed into dollars and I would appreciate very much knowing how to dispose of them.

Many, many thanks again.

Sincerely,