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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 5, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Frank Press 

SUBJECT: Foreign AID Budget: Science and Technology

The only way we can reduce the dependence of developing countries on us over the long term is to provide them with the tools of science and technology so that they can develop their agriculture, energy and natural resources, build their industry, control their population growth and provide for public health. These are not straightforward tasks using existing technology, but require research to develop new crop forms that are productive on poor soils, new concepts of pest control, new cures for parasitic disease, and new and appropriate energy resources such as methanol from cellulose. The proposed Institute for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (ISTC) was to have concentrated on these goals, but all that Congress would approve was creation of a Science and Technology Office within AID with the same charge. I am writing in support of Henry Owen's memo to you requesting an increase from \$12M to \$18M for this office.

Henry's "mini leadership" program also included larger programs for transfer of existing technology in the areas of energy, agriculture, health, and population. I support these initiatives because they mitigate these severe problems in the near and intermediate terms while we wait for the research results to provide the long term solutions.

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