

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Excellencies,

In consideration of the mutual desire of the United States of America and ASEAN to establish fellowships at the newly inaugurated "ASEAN Economic Research Unit" at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore, further details of which are provided in Annex A of this Note, I have the honor to state that the United States hereby expresses its intent to support the aforementioned fellowships for development-related research. The furnishing of such support will be subject to detailed arrangements and funding in accordance with United States foreign assistance legislation. The research will focus predominantly on the areas of food, energy, and rural development, and such other subjects as may be mutually agreed upon.

The United States will provide a grant to ISEAS in Singapore which will receive the funds on behalf of ASEAN.

These fellowships will be tenable in the following manner:

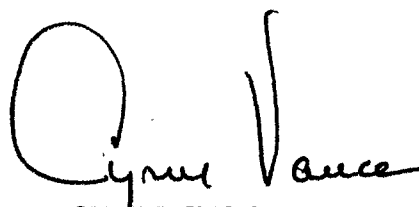
- 1) advertisements of these fellowships would be inserted in the local press by both the Institute and the Government of the ASEAN member country concerned;
- 2) all applications, which meet with the criteria laid down, will be considered in the first instance by the Government concerned;

- 3) the Government concerned will draw up a short list of suitably qualified candidates to be forwarded to the Institute;
- 4) the Institute will make the final selection from the short list of candidates forwarded. This final procedure would include the calling for a fresh list of candidates from the Government concerned in case the first batch proposed is unsuitable;
- 5) topics for research to be undertaken should receive previous approval of the Government concerned.

For purposes of this understanding, including entering into the detailed agreement with ISEAS, the Government of the United States shall be represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Further, this Note and the ASEAN Reply confirming the foregoing shall be considered as constituting an understanding, which will become effective upon notification to the Government of the United States by ASEAN of their acceptance of this understanding, and will remain in force until terminated by either the United States or ASEAN.

Accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.


CYRUS VANCE
Secretary of State

2 July 1979
Denpasar, Indonesia