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Mr. Paul E. Booz

March 10, 1967

Noel McIvor

Economic Mission to Chad

An economic mission will proceed to Chad on or about March 28, 1967, for a period of three weeks. The mission will consist of you, as head of the mission, Mr. Oliviero Pesce and Mr. Norbert Koenig. Mr. Koenig will be mainly occupied with operational questions but will participate in mission discussions as much as possible.

The Mission will review the present position and prospects of the economy and the performance of the Government with special emphasis on:

- 1) Recent trends in production, investment, savings (public and private), public finance, international trade and the balance of payments;
- 2) The priorities and size of the five-year plan and the proposed means of financing and implementing the plan;
- 3) The country's capacity to absorb investment in various sectors; its prospect for domestic savings (public and private) and the residual need for external financial assistance;
- 4) The country's ability to service external debt;
- 5) To the extent feasible, the magnitude and effectiveness of external technical assistance, including the identification of any areas in which the Government might usefully solicit additional assistance.

Members of the mission may visit Paris and Brussels for consultations with interested organizations and institutions. On its return, the mission will prepare an economic report on the present situation and prospects of Chad.

During your stay in Chad you may visit the Central African Republic for a few days for discussions on certain aspects of the final draft of the four-year plan and 1967 budget necessary to the completion of the economic report on C.A.R.

cl & cc. Mr. Edelman
cc: Mr. Koenig
Mr. Pesce
Mr. Friedman