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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

2 Mar 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Assistance by Department of Defense to American Nationals Repatriated to This Country.

A copy of a letter from this office to the Department of State, dealing with this subject, is forwarded for your information.

It is requested that the Chief of Transportation, U. S. Army, coordinate with other Federal and local agencies, regarding the reception of evacuees in this country in the event of an emergency. This request carries with it the necessary authority to obtain the assistance of the Departments of the Navy and Air Force as planning may indicate.

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/s/ Robert A. Lovett  
ROBERT A. LOVETT  
Acting Secretary

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to your letter of December 11, 1950, which requested comments on the manual prepared by the Federal Security Agency entitled "Assistance to American Nationals Repatriated to This Country," and requested specific commitments which may be undertaken by the Department of Defense.

It is agreed that a mass influx of evacuees from abroad will require the coordinated efforts of several Federal and local agencies, particularly in the areas around the major ports of the United States. For this reason, I have designated the Chief of Transportation, U. S. Army, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Army, as my representative in this matter.

The facilities of the Department of Defense under emergency conditions are insufficient to provide for reception of all repatriated American nationals. This Department will assume the responsibility to receive and make necessary provisions for its employees and their dependents, and is prepared to coordinate with other Federal agencies in developing an over-all plan for repatriation. Chapter I, page 6, and Chapter IV, page 1, of the referenced Federal Security Agency Manual should be changed accordingly.

Other than as indicated above, the manual appears to be a satisfactory guide for the relief agencies, and as information to all other agencies concerned.

I have requested the Chief of Transportation to meet with representative of the Department of State and other interested agencies here in Washington at an early date, in order to proceed with the necessary plans and preparations.

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Faithfully yours,

/s/ ROBERT A. LOVETT  
Acting Secretary

The Honorable

The Secretary of State

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