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T O: Dr. Eliseo R. Ponce  
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R E: Seminar-Workshop on Long-Term Recovery Program

I just received the attached unsigned letter from the VISCA Action Group (VAG) raising some questions on the scheduled seminar-workshop on August 11, 1986. In my interpretation the VAG are not really objecting to the holding of this activity, but they have some suggestions on how it should be managed and would like to have clarifications on some issues. I still support the holding of the seminar-workshop, but we should withhold the disposition of the outputs until the critical issues are settled. It should have been better if the issues raised by VAG are clarified before August 11th, but I know Dr. Ponce will not be back until the weekend. Incidentally, the activity was originally scheduled for Friday, August 8th, but moved to August 11th in consideration of the availability of Dr. Nerelito P. Pascual. The organizers took into consideration the examination period during which most faculty members are more free.

The concern of VAG on this matter is certainly recognized and they can send copies of their letter to parties concerned. However, I feel that VISCA's participation in shaping up the country's recovery program must be pursued with vigor, particularly if VISCA is envisioned to play a major role in the plan. It would be wise for VISCA to react early rather than simply accepting the task when the plan is already finalized. The government welcomes everybody's help and involvement in bringing our country's economic recovery. I can assure the VAG that this seminar-workshop is not a "familiar scheme" in getting administra-



tive support. In fact this was planned independently of  
my office. There are better schemes if the intention is to  
get administrative support.

Thank you.

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