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FOREWORD

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This report has been submitted to the Committee on Foreign Affairs by Hon. Lester L. Wolff who conducted a special study mission between August 6 and 28, 1973.

The findings in this report are those of Hon. Lester Wolff and do not necessarily reflect the views of the membership of the full Committee on Foreign Affairs.

THOMAS E. MORGAN, Chairman.
LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

March 28, 1974.

Hon. Thomas E. Morgan,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: There is transmitted herewith a report of a special study mission which was conducted by the special ad hoc subcommittee on international narcotics during the period August 6–28, 1973.

The purpose of the study was to conduct a followup investigation of the narcotics situation in Southeast Asia. The members of the study team were particularly interested in determining the effectiveness of international narcotics control programs and the degree of cooperation that the United States is receiving from the various governments in Southeast Asia.

During the course of the investigation, the study mission met in Washington with U.S. Government officials involved in the international aspects of the narcotics control program, including representatives of the Department of State, the Department of Justice, including the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Office of Management and Budget.

In the field we met with U.S. diplomatic, intelligence, and narcotics control officials; with foreign governmental leaders, foreign law enforcement, and other government officials responsible for narcotics control in the Philippines, Thailand, Laos, Hong Kong, the Republic of China, Korea and Japan; with representatives of the United Nations Special Drug Abuse Fund; and with private citizens. In addition, the study team met with U.S. Department of Defense officials in an effort to determine the dimensions of drug abuse among U.S. military personnel throughout the Pacific Command.

The study team consisted of Congresswoman Bella S. Abzug and Congressmen Charles B. Rangel, Fortney H. Stark, and Morgan F. Murphy, who participated in the study mission during the period August 12 to 20, and whose advice, assistance, and knowledge of the international drug problem made an invaluable contribution to the success of the study mission. Congressman Joseph P. Addabbo also participated in that part of the study relating to the drug situation among U.S. military forces in the Pacific Command area.

The study team would also like to express its thanks and appreciation for the assistance, cooperation, and hospitality extended to it by officials from the Departments of State, Defense, Justice, and other U.S. Government officials in the countries visited.

It is hoped that this report will be helpful to the members of the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Congress in their deliberations on efforts to solve the drug abuse problem in the United States.

Lester L. Wolff,
Chairman, Special Study Mission.
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