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TECHNICAL INTERCHANGE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST

Tuesday, September 3, 1963

Mr. Chairman and Distinguished Members of the Subcommittee:

I deeply appreciate your permitting me to present this written statement in support of the appropriations request of the Department of State for the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West, or the East-West Center, as it is popularly known.

Circumstances beyond my control prevent my being in Washington to attend the hearing today. I deem the subject so important to the national welfare that were it not for the present critical need for my presence in Hawaii, I would be before your Committee in person.

The Department of State in its request seeks the restoration of \$1,147,500 to the \$4,460,000 allowed by the House of Representatives. The \$82,500 not allowed by the House is agreed to by the Department of State. I am in accord with this decision. In my opinion, the request should not have been made in the first instance.

The mission of the East-West Center-- a concept of the Congress aped by the USSR in its not so successful Friendship University--is being effectively accomplished. We are sowing the seeds which by their very nature will take some time before the fruits we seek are

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yielded. The appropriations as recommended by the Department of State are vitally needed now lest the accomplishment to date be undone.

I respectfully urge the members of the Subcommittee to approve the allowance made by the House, and that they also approve the amount recommended for restoration by the Department of State.

It was my privilege to join the esteemed and distinguished Vice President of the United States, then Majority Leader of the United States Senate, as co-sponsor of the original authorizing legislation creating the East-West Center. The project is proceeding to accomplish its mission. Its progress in these early years has been, if not perfect, very good and very steady. The request of the Department of State for restoration and a \$5.6 million appropriation is needed to continue the growth and progress toward the objectives of the authorizing legislation.

Thank you again for your kind attention to this matter.