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October 31, 1972

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TO : William A. Ellis, Director
USAID Brazil Mission
FROM : Clinton F. Wheeler, Director, OPA
SUBJECT: "Hope for the Wretched" by Ernest E. Neal

I am enclosing two copies of the posthumous book, "Hope for the Wretched" by Ernest Neal, recently published by A. I. D. It is being distributed in the United States to a selected cross-section of individuals and institutions in the academic and international community; colleagues and personal friends of Dr. Neal, as well as a number of members of the press and others who would have a special interest. The attached covering letter from Dr. Hannah accompanies each copy.

If you need additional copies, either for internal Mission use or for external distribution, please let me know. I think you will find the book useful and informative.

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Before his death last February, Dr. Ernest Neal completed a book describing his career and experiences as an advisor in the U.S. foreign assistance program. The book, titled "Hope for the Wretched", has recently been published by A.I.D. I enclose a copy for your use.

Dr. Neal has written a warm and human interpretation of an underlying purpose of U.S. foreign aid -- to help people achieve better lives. Dr. Neal does not try to glorify what he and his colleagues accomplished in the pioneering days of technical assistance, although there certainly were lasting achievements and significant successes. He does not seek to gloss over the agonizing frustrations and embarrassing mistakes, although there were always these to contend with.

Rather, on the basis of his own background as a Black born into poverty in the rural South and his experience working with the poor in Africa and Asia, he records the lessons all of us involved in international development have had to learn -- and should not forget. "Hope for the Wretched", we believe, is both a history and textbook for the practitioner of foreign assistance and the layman who is concerned about a world that has not yet solved the problems of poverty and hunger.

We believe you will find "Hope for the Wretched" readable and informative. We would be most interested in your comments and welcome your suggestions for further use and distribution of the book.

Sincerely,

John A. Hannah