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TO: Field Offices/Regional Planning Officers

FROM: Tarlok Singh

SUBJECT: Information requirements for the Perspective Study on Children and Adolescents in the Second Development Decade.

1. This memorandum is a corollary to PLAN/P/3 dated 3 September, 1971. It is addressed firstly, to all UNICEF offices to assist them in sending to Headquarters such information and documentation as they can readily obtain from the Planning and sectoral agencies in the Governments with which they are associated. UNICEF Representatives will not generally have the time or the resources to do more than this and, while they are certainly not expected to process or summarize available information, it is hoped that they will draw attention to whatever they regard as being of significance. Secondly, the memorandum is addressed to the Regional Planning Officers who, it is expected, will be able to contribute directly and continuously at all stages to the preparation of the study, more specially in the collation and analysis of data and assessment of various problems in terms of different UNICEF regions. It is hoped that they will be able to follow up the despatch of the relevant documentation from UNICEF offices with their own comments and observations in such detail as may be feasible. Since the task to be completed is of considerable magnitude and we do not have much time in hand, it is requested that speedy action be taken on this memorandum.

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2. For Part I of the outline (Conditions of development) we should like to have at hand from the country end information on Trends for the Sixties and Projections for part or whole of the decade of the Seventies (or beyond) pertaining to -

- (i) Population (total, rural, urban), Labour Force (specially for the younger age-groups), and Employment (total, rural, urban, in non-agricultural sectors, etc.);
- (ii) Rates of growth (overall and per capita, in industry, agriculture and services);
- (iii) Allocations under completed, current and perspective national plans of development, indicating sectoral and other priorities followed.

3. For Part II of the outline (Areas of action concerning children and adolescents), while the major areas of intervention from the point of view of children and adolescents are apparent, directly related breakdowns of services, personnel, expenditures, etc. are much more difficult to obtain. Therefore, it is necessary to make do with such breakdowns as Governments may have chosen to adopt for their own planning, budgetary and other purposes. The information desired concerns particularly the following:

- (i) Levels of development services reached and assessment of gaps distinguishing where possible, rural and urban areas;
- (ii) Levels and proportions of budgetary expenditures (capital and recurring);
- (iii) Standard costs of establishing and extending the main services along approved patterns (Buildings, Equipment and Supplies, Personnel - where known); and

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(iv) Trained personnel (availabilities, gaps, estimates of future requirements, etc.).

4. For Part III (Integrated approaches and complementary inputs),

we look for illustrative material drawn from the experience of individual countries such as could provide guidance on policies appropriate to the four main types of cross-sectoral situations which have been cited.

5. Information items mentioned in this memorandum can be taken as examples. Besides these, there may be other aspects that seem to you to be of interest, for instance, areas of activity calling for investigation, experimentation, etc.

