

Federal Employees Must Notify U.S. Before Seeing China Aides

WASHINGTON, June 15 (UPI)—Government employees are required to give the State Department advance notice of personal or official contact with members of the new Chinese liaison office.

The policy came to light in a June 4 directive to employees of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. It listed procedures for contacting members of the liaison office and for applying for travel to China.

The Chinese liaison office opened at the Mayflower Hotel in downtown Washington last month in the first American diplomatic exchange with Peking.

Policy Confirmed

State Department officials confirmed that the directive grew out of a new policy. They said the policy was designed to allow the State Department to keep informed about contacts between Government employees and the Chinese.

"To reiterate the obvious," the directive said, "no H.E.W. employe should contact these officials concerning travel to China without prior, written approval from the special assistant to the secretary for international affairs." Travel to China always has required State Department approval.

"Furthermore, the directive added, "any contact with the liaison office for any reason whatsoever must be coordinated

in advance with the State Department through the H.E.W. office of the special assistant. This may be done orally."

The memo said an employe must simply name his intended contact" in the Chinese office.