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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
APO San Francisco 96243
Office of Information

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11 April 1966

SUBJECT: MACV Accreditation Criteria for CY 1966

TO: In-Country News Media Representatives

1. On 15 May 1966 this letter will supersede letter this headquarters, subjects as above, dated 1 November 1965. Effective 15 May the following requirements will apply for initial accreditation or renewal of existing accreditation.

a. All correspondents must hold and maintain current accreditation from the Government of Vietnam to receive and maintain MACV accreditation.

b. Except for a, above, U. S. correspondents accredited by DOD will need no additional documentation, providing DOD accreditation is maintained throughout the period of MACV accreditation. Actual DOD renewal or an agency letter (as described in c., below) must immediately replace expired DOD accreditation. DOD accreditation may be in the form of a card, a letter or a message to this command.

c. U. S. citizens not DOD accredited and Vietnamese citizens employed by U. S. or other foreign agencies (except Vietnamese agencies) will be accredited based on a letter, prepared on agency letterhead, and forwarded by the agency direct to the Office of Information, MACV. This letter must state that the individual is in fact employed, that the agency assumes full responsibility for his professional actions, including financial responsibility and personal conduct as these affect his professional actions and that immediate written notification will be provided the Office of Information, MACV, upon termination of his employment. Letters not meeting these requirements will not be accepted.

d. Citizens of other nations (not U. S. or Vietnamese) employed by a U. S. or foreign agency must provide an agency letter as in c, above, plus insuring that their diplomatic representative dispatches a letter to the Office of Information, MACV, vouching for the identity of the individual.

e. Individuals employed by Vietnamese agencies will be accredited to MACV by agreement between the U. S. Mission Press Center and the Vietnamese Ministry of Information. Evidence of approval under this joint agreement and an agency letter as in c, above, must be submitted to the Office of Information, MACV. Citizens of other nations (not United States or Republic of Vietnam) employed by a Vietnamese agency, in addition to the above, must insure that their diplomatic representative dispatches a letter to the Office of Information, MACV, vouching for the identity of individual.

f. Applications for accreditation by free lance writers, photographers and other related media will be examined by the Office of Information, MACV, on a case-by-case basis. In any event, applicants must insure that a letter on agency

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letterhead is initiated by an agency indicating a desire on the part of the agency to purchase the free lance agent's copy, photography, or product. This letter must be forwarded by the agency concerned directly to the Office of Information, MACV. Correspondents who are not U. S. citizens must also insure that their diplomatic representative dispatches a letter to the Office of Information, MACV, vouching for the identity of the individual.

2. In order to expedite local accreditation services, employment letters required by lc above, signed by local bureau chiefs, will be accepted provided a letter from the bureau's home office certifying appointment of the bureau chief is on file in the Office of Information, MACV.

3. All correspondence submitted to the Office of Information, MACV, in accordance with this memorandum should use one of the following addresses:

a. Processed through-----Office of Information (SPD)
U. S. Postal Sytem MACV
APO San Francisco 96243

b. Processed through-----Office of Information (SPD)
International Postal System MACV
196 Cong Ly
Saigon, South Vietnam

4. Requests for renewal of existing accreditation, complete with required documents, should be submitted to the Office of Information, MACV, 15 days prior to the expiration of present accreditation.

5. Attached are appropriate sample letters which may be used as a guide in requesting MACV accreditation.

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Sample Letters

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Colonel, GS
Chief of Information

(SAMPLE)

LETTERHEAD OF AGENCY CONCERNED

Office of Information (SPD)
MACV
APO San Francisco 96243

Dear Sir:

Mr. John J. Jones is employed by this agency as a photographer/correspondent and his trip to Vietnam is authorized by this company.

This agency assumes responsibility for Mr. Jones' actions, including financial responsibility and personal conduct as these affect his professional actions, while he is in Vietnam, and agrees to notify your office if his employment is terminated.

Sincerely yours,

MAX D. BRAND
General Manager

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Office of Information (SPD)
MACV
APO San Francisco 96243

Dear Sir:

Mr. John J. Jones, a free-lance photographer/correspondent, has and will continue to submit material to this firm.

During the past year, Mr. Jones photographed two main stories for this firm. Newsworthy photographs provided by this individual will be considered for purchase and possible publication.

His work is often valuable to us and we hope his status as an accredited photographer in Vietnam will be approved.

Sincerely yours,

MAX D. BRAND
General Manager