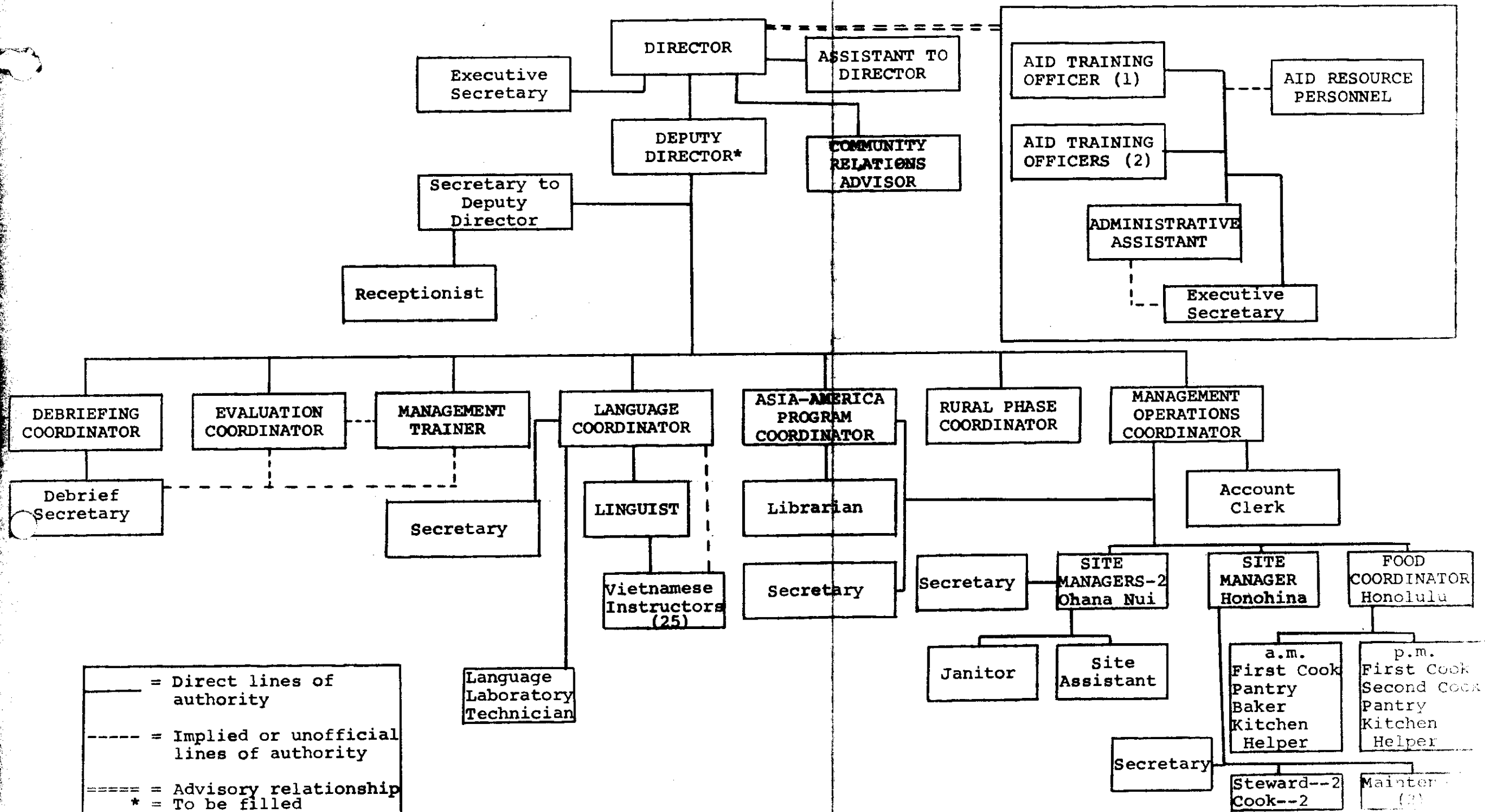


FAR EAST TRAINING CENTER



NOTE ON AREA STUDIES AT FETC

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A. Purpose

To acquaint trainees with:

1. Physical, ethnic and historical setting
2. Values, attitudes and beliefs of Vietnamese
3. Characteristics of insurgency and counter-insurgency
4. Principles of communist and Maoist revolutionary doctrine
5. Dimensions of U.S. involvement

B. Method

1. Lectures by and discussions with visiting experts from universities, RAND Corporation, government agencies, and elsewhere
2. Readings (and tapes of previous lectures) available in library
3. Projects--briefings, short written papers, case discussions integrating and applying area studies materials to AID programs and activities

C. Resources

1. Lectures improving in quality with experience, as we locate persons able to make most integrated and relevant contributions for our purposes.
2. Library holdings gradually increasing in number, improved organization with employment of librarian
3. Interview, tape, and official report files growing in size and usefulness.