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Considering:

- Decree # 151-SL/CT, 12 May 64, creating the Staff Service Medal;
- Memorandum # 3194/TTM/1/PCTT/HCg, 2 Dec 67, prescribing prerequisites and procedures for awarding the Staff Service Medal;
- Directive # 655-402, 23 Feb 71, setting forth the authority to award the Staff Service Medal;
- Recommendations made by Joint Operations Center (# 2142/TTM/TTHQ/HC, 22 Jul 74.)

D E C I D E S

Article 1. The Staff Service Medal First Class is awarded exceptionally to:

- Colonel EDWARD P. METZNER, SN 219-14-2905, US Army.

"Colonel Metzner is an outstanding officer who distinguished himself by resourceful capability, staff experience, and exhibition of a high sense of sincere cooperation.

During his assignment to Vietnam, from February 1973 to August 1974, as Chief of the Joint General Staff, Liaison Section, Defense Attaché Office, Colonel Metzner assisted effectively J3 and Joint Operations Center, Joint General Staff, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, in the implementation of operational support plans, exchange of significant information pertaining to enemy and friendly activities, thus enabling Joint General Staff/RVNAF to have accurate assessment in order to make decision and timely reaction against NVA military violations. Colonel Metzner's vast knowledge of RVNAF organization and operations was a valuable contribution to the improvement and modernization project and program of the RVNAF.

In addition to the above accomplishment, Colonel Metzner participated enthusiastically in inspections and visits to combat units, which were organized by J3/JGS for the purpose of detecting problems relative to operational support area in order to increase the effectiveness of the support plan for the RVNAF".

Article 2. This Order is to be recorded and placed in the recipient's personnel record.

APO 4002, 27 July 1974
For GEN CAO VAN VIEN
Chief of JGS/RVNAF
LTG DONG VAN KHUYEN
Chief of Staff/JGS
(Signed and Sealed)

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