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19 Psych Unit (CMF) → *to National Guard*  
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 Copy to Maj R G SALAS

"CHIEU HOI" PROGRAMME IN VIETNAM -  
AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION

1. The CHIEU HOI (literal translation "Open Arms") programme is in essence a psychological operation to induce members of the Viet Cong and their supporters to rally to the side of the Government of SOUTH VIETNAM.
2. The AMF currently provides two officers (regional advisers) to assist in the conduct of the programme. One of these is Maj N W BRIERS, AA Psych Corps, succeeding Maj R G SALAS, AA Psych Corps, whose tour of duty with the CHIEU HOI programme ended on 19 Dec 66.
3. The Vietnamese and US governments authorities are most anxious that the Australian participation in the programme be increased, though, for manpower reasons, the ARA cannot provide increased assistance.
4. The Department of External Affairs is therefore interested in finding suitable civilian volunteers to work in the programme. They are contacting Universities direct, and have asked the Army to assist in any way possible.
5. These moves are purely tentative at this stage and conditions of service, including salaries, are not yet known. However, any interested person is invited to communicate direct to the Secretary, Department of External Affairs, CANBERRA.
6. Please circulate this memo throughout your unit. The feeler is not confined to officers, but it seems that External Affairs is interested primarily in graduates, and in social science graduates in particular.

Those interested may wish to write to:-