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Dear Bo,

In talking to Mojica today, I gathered that you had not received a copy of our 1967 year-end wrap-up which is a highly useful paper, I think, as a summary of the Chieu Hoi program for that year. I hope you will find it useful.

Fortunately, or unfortunately, I missed the excitement here during the VC Tet offensive because my home leave started on January 15 and return to Saigon was frozen until late in February. The program and its personnel survived the offensive very well, but of course the psychological atmosphere here was considerably altered, with an adverse effect on the returnee rate. In fact, the rate declined immediately upon the initiation of the VC "Winter-Spring" offensive in October 1967. The enemy's attacks on the cities were repulsed quickly, or after some time, in the case of Hue, and the net effect upon the Vietnamese urban population has been good, I believe. They are considerably more "urgent" now than before. The effect in the countryside was the opposite, I believe, although Dr. Sung told me last night that he felt the country people were more anti-VC than the city people, but had no way of expressing it. When the VC recoiled from the cities, the GVN did not immediately counterattack, so for a period of time the enemy was in full, blatant and unchallenged day-and-night control of the districts, except the district capitals. This will cause us considerable problems for a long time to come.

I would really be fascinated to hear what you have been doing with yourself. There was a rumor you were coming over here at one point, but I guess you never showed up. It would be a real pleasure to see you again either here or in Manila.

Sincerely,

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