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Dear Len:

It occurred to me as I went through the files today that perhaps some of these briefings we have to prepare would make life easier for your instructors back there. Accordingly, I enclose one which was prepared on June 29 for some Congressional committee. It runs about a half four, as I recall, and has slides attached which were used. It would save a lot of time for someone back there if they had to come up with a canned Chieu Hoi briefing. I am also sending a copy to Jerry French for his information.

Just recently we are seeing increasing signs of good performance in the Ministry. We have at least a trembling hope that the Ministry has sincerely begun to fall in love with ~~the~~ ^{our} program and is thus solving problems and sending people out to the field and writing directives, in some cases even before we suggest it. If this trend holds good, it will be a real reward to those of us who have been working with the program in the last year. One threat appears on the horizon, in that rumor has it that Vinh Loc will replace General Tri as head of MICH. Whether Colonel Anh will be retained at all and whether he would have sufficient freedom of action if he were retained would be highly problematical. I am, therefore, attempting to get the last drastic step taken which would put Chieu Hoi on a solid foundation for the future, namely, to have the Chieu Hoi part of MICH separated out into a separate special commissariat.

Please keep in touch.

All the best.

Sincerely,

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