

~~Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, CORDS~~

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~~MACCORDS-GND~~

~~MEMORANDUM FOR: USAID/PERSONNEL~~

~~SUBJECT: Decorations to US Government Employees from GVN~~

1. Mr. Ogden Williams has been presented the PSY War Medal, ~~and the~~ Revolutionary Development Medal by the Government of Vietnam.
2. Mr Williams served as the Director of Chieu Hoi Directorate *and the national order medal* from 11 July 1966 to 6 March 1969. In this capacity he acted as the principal advisor to the appropriate GVN officials at the national level on all aspects of the development, execution and review of the Chieu Hoi Program.
3. The Chieu Hoi Directorate is charged with the U.S. support of the Chieu Hoi or "Open Arms" program designed to cause defections from the ranks of the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese, and their return to support the Government of Vietnam as loyal citizens. Much of the success of this program can be attributed to the imagination and drive of Mr. Williams.
4. Mr Williams' ability to work closely with his GVN counterparts was fundamental to the highly successful development of this program. At his instigation many important ideas took hold and became key programs. The overall effectiveness of the Chieu Hoi Advisors at all levels was sustained by Mr Williams' example and leadership. His energy, persistence, and untiring devotion to duty set an example, which inspired not only his own staff but his Vietnamese co-workers as well. There have probably been few Americans who have managed to sponsor the development of a program which must remain completely Vietnamese with the success which has attended Mr Williams efforts.
5. ~~There can be no doubt that these medals were well earned and sincerely tendered in deep appreciation for a job well done. Therefore I recommend approval of acceptance~~

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*retention of medals disapproved  
by US D Comm.*