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Dear Jack:

In anticipation of sending you the normal Student Placement Reports, I am passing along some placement preferences for two students in Class XVIII. They are both long-term language students.

1. Alan Eckert. Eckert is an FSO-7 who would like to work in NLD activities in one of the Hoa Hao Provinces (Sa Dec, Vinh Long, An Giang or Chau Doc). Eckert is a graduate of Duke University, with a law degree from the University of Virginia. He served as an Attorney with the Department of the Interior. At one time he thought he wanted to be in the Phoenix Program. He is obviously bright, and he has been extremely dubious about our involvement in Viet-Nam, as most of the young FSO's are. Nevertheless, I think he will do an effective job once he gets to Viet-Nam and becomes involved in something real. Despite his misgivings on the Viet-Nam question, he has performed well at this school.

2. John F. Donovan, Jr. Donovan is an AID FSR-7. He received his B.A. from Dartmouth and served as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Caroline Islands. He is a volunteer for Viet-Nam although also dubious about our involvement there, as are most of his age group in this country. He has expressed an interest in urban development programs in any city in Viet-Nam, particularly since he wishes to make this area his professional concern after his return to the States. His Peace Corps experience would, in my opinion, make him valuable in rural areas also. Donovan has expressed no preference as to a particular Corps assignment.

Student Placement Reports will follow on these individuals and the rest of CORDS XVIII.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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