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VTC—Incoming Class No. XXIV

CORDS

The new Cords Class XXIV which assembles on January 5 contains that split between military and civilian students which we have been predicting for sometime. Specifically, as of now, there will be 39 military and only 11 civilians of all types. The civilians are made up of 6 State, 3 AID and 2 USIA. The State complement is made up of one short-termers and 5 long-termers. In the future, an increase in State mid-career officers may alleviate the split somewhat.

I shall talk to Joe Toner to see whether we can get for our Basic Course some of the short-termers now attending AID's own 2-week course. But this is somewhat grasping at straws. Since the military have decided to send all of their district advisors to VTC as well as their PSA's, and since they are considering sending additional military personnel for other Cords programs, I can only assume that the student complement at VTC will be about 75% military from here on out.

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