

7 Dec 1969

Mr Ogden Williams

Vietnam Training Center

Foreign Service Institute

Arlington Towers, Washington DC 20310

Dear Sir;

after being rapidly processed through Hq MACV Cords class XX is spread all over the country. Major Bellek, as you probably know, is in Hq MACV CORDS. I saw him, also Majors Ator, Dunn, Becker, Lilles and a few others. Major Becker was picked out by J-1 Hq MACV; and Major McLaughlin preceded me to I Corps by a few days.

I have been assigned down to advising

Team 15 ICTZ Cords, probably
to be stationed at Hoi An (Province
capital) or one of the districts in Quang Nam

So far everyone seems terribly
short handed on the Cords side. From
what I could see, the Province staff has
about $\frac{1}{2}$ the personnel authorized and the
districts are being held mainly by cpts.
or 1/LT. Of course, since I came in on
Sunday, I really haven't been able to
talk to anyone.

If I could request your assistance
in an administrative matter, I have
a problem. My per diem of \$16.00 which
I was paid, requires a DD form 1351-5,
Certificate of Non-availability of Quarters,

in my records to justify the amount.
This should have been done by the
Sta. Det. MDW, to which we were
attached. I was able to check Major
McLaughlin's file and he has one, signed
by W.O. - 1 Weightman, Asst. A.G.
Mine was apparently misplaced although
I don't know how. I am writing the
Student Detachment directly but it
might help if you could ask someone
to check on it. If I can't get this
certificate in 60 days, they will probably
have to recollect it from me.

Best regards to all at the school, and I
will try to write again later.

Henry J Gordon
Major, Armer