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c/o American Embassy
Saigon, Viet-Nam

Dear Jake:

I just wanted to call briefly to your attention Major Carl G. Smith of our Class XI who has probably arrived in Viet-Nam by now. He graduated from the District Operations Course which provides, I believe, a very high quality group of officers, but even in this group, Major Smith stood out as a man of real sophistication and leadership.

At a time when there was great ferment in the student body concerning the Viet-Nam Moratoria going on here in Washington, Major Smith took the lead in forming a class seminar, entirely organized and directed by the students themselves, which resulted in some of the highest quality debate on Viet-Nam that I have heard. Major Smith was the moderator and leader of this exercise and impressed all of us immensely.

I gather he has already been selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. You may wish to keep him in mind as critical assignments appear.

Sincerely,

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