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Dear Buck:

Thanks for your letter of November 20. You raise many questions and I will attempt to deal with some of them, at least, prior to our getting together sometime at your convenience.

I have had your list of personnel in the Washington area involved in the analysis and coordination of pacification matters brought up to date as follows:

OSD/SA	- Mrs. Bazella, Mr. Fred J. Leutner
OSD/ISA	- Mr. Dennis Doolin
JCS/SACSA	- LTC Lazzell (Col. Brigham has left the area)
JCS/J3/CAG	- Capt. Jortberg
NSC	- Mr. John Holdridge and Mr. Moore
CORDS/VTC	- Mr. Ogden Williams, Mr. Guy Jones
State	- Mr. William Harbin
AID	- Mr. Roger Darling, Miss Carol Piper (Research, Evaluation and Information Center, Vietnam Bureau)
USIA	- Mr. Monta Osborne
CIA	- Mr. Joe Smith (VTC Liaison)

The Viet-Nam Working Group still functions, and you might wish to contact Jim Rosenthal and Dick Teare in that connection.

With regard to your two general areas of investigation ("Historical Comparative Analysis of GVN Pacification" and "U.S. Pacification Organizations, Advice and Programs"), we have some information on the early pacification programs (e.g., the Agrovilles and the studies done by the Michigan State Advisory Group). However, the VTC only started operation in April 1967 and up until about six months ago little effort was made to build up any kind of research facility. Primary emphasis has had to be on obtaining the necessary current materials for input to the curriculum rather than accumulating historical documents for in-depth research. There is considerable background material which you would probably find useful from 1968

up to the present time and I would suggest that you plan to spend at least a week in Washington to work in our files and those of the Viet-Nam Bureau of AID.

I should probably warn you that, in discussing your letter with officials at State and AID, while they agree that such an evaluation of the various pacification programs such as you propose is long overdue, many of the early documents you would need have been "retired" to State Department/AID archives in St. Louis, Missouri. In addition, much of the information necessary to make the paper really valuable is classified. Presumably, arrangements could be made to give you access to it if you could contemplate a classified dissertation, but as you know it may present certain problems for the University.

You should try to contact former Ambassador R. W. Komer, who is now with RAND in Santa Monica, in connection with the setting up of the CORDS program. Howard Kay was also involved in this as you know. RAND has always been very active in Viet-Nam and has published numerous reports on all aspects of the Viet-Nam problem. We have many here at VTC but you should by all means make contact with RAND. You might contact Mr. Togi Iannero at the RAND Washington office, 1000 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., where they have a library of all RAND documents.

I am sending you under separate cover the contents of the current student notebook used in the training program here at VTC. This will give you an over-all view of the current situation as well as the CORDS set-up. I have also included some rather extraneous material from the 1967 period for whatever use you can make of it.

Please let me know when you propose to come. My office and home addresses and telephone numbers are listed below. Give my best regards to your charming wife, and all the best to you.

Sincerely,

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