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Mrs. Carlo H. Isenbecker  
1581 Mount Eagle Place  
Alexandria, Virginia 22302

Dear Mrs. Isenbecker:

Enclosed is a brief curriculum vitae concerning me which may be of use to you in connection with the talk which you have asked me to give on January 10.

I would suggest as a title for the talk: "Some Perspectives on the Viet-Nam Problem and Its Solution." I would be happy to receive any questions and would be prepared to remain and try to answer them as long as anyone is interested.

I much look forward to meeting with your group. Please advise me if any further information is desired.

Sincerely,

/s/

Ogden Williams  
Coordinator  
Viet-Nam Training Center

Enclosure:  
Curriculum Vitae

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BIOGRAPHIC DATA: OGDEN WILLIAMS

TITLE: Coordinator, Viet-Nam Training Center

Ogden Williams, Coordinator of the Viet-Nam Training Center, has served more than 18 years in the Foreign Service of the United States. Before assuming the position as Coordinator in mid-July, 1969, he served in Viet-Nam from 1966 to 1969 as Director, Chieu Hoi Division, Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support (CORDS), Military Assistance Command, Viet-Nam.

Prior to entering the Foreign Service Reserve in February, 1951, Mr. Williams practiced law with the firm of Carter, Ledyard and Milburn in New York City. His first assignment as a Foreign Service Reserve Officer was as a Political Specialist attached to the U. S. Army in Munich, Germany from 1951 to 1953. In 1956 he went to Viet-Nam for the first time, serving in an advisory team to the then President Ngo Dinh Diem until May 1957. From 1959 to 1961 he served as Second Secretary of Embassy in New Delhi. In May, 1962, Mr. Williams was appointed AID Mission Director to Laos but was later transferred to Saigon as Special Assistant to the Director, USAID, where he served from April, 1963, to July, 1964. His next assignment was as Deputy Director of the AID Mission to Tunisia from 1965 to 1966.

Mr. Williams was born in New York, N. Y. He served as a Captain in the U. S. Army Air Corps in World War II. He received his AB from Princeton in 1942 and his JD from Harvard in 1948.

His three tours of duty in Viet-Nam, between 1956 and 1969, involved him in Vietnamese affairs during the entire period of major U. S. involvement in that country. He has been intimately acquainted with leading Vietnamese and U. S. policy makers at the Saigon level and has repeatedly visited every Province of Viet-Nam in the course of his duties.