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Honorable U. Alexis Johnson
Under Secretary for Political
Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Under Secretary:

We are delighted that you will be able to honor us with your presence as principal speaker at the graduation ceremony at the Viet-Nam Training Center on November 7, 1969. The graduation ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Center at Arlington Towers (SA-15). Normally, the principal speaker addresses the students for approximately 15 minutes and may, or may not, accept questions from the floor at his own option. Then he is asked to hand diplomas to those members of the audience who are formally graduating.

Any brief perspective you would wish to bring to bear regarding the present situation in Viet-Nam would, of course, be most interesting to the audience. Our graduates are going out to Viet-Nam at a time when they see the traffic beginning to move in the opposite direction, and it is always helpful to reassure them that their advisory services will, in fact, be needed, and possibly needed even more now than during the period of maximum military buildup. In any case, any observations you may wish to make will be received with the greatest interest by us all.

Sincerely yours,

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Ogden Williams
Coordinator
Viet-Nam Training Center

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