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Proposed Utilization of Dr. Richard Gard

Attached hereto is the result of a serious Faculty study as to the proposed use of Dr. Gard. It is particularly noteworthy that the proposal envisages a trial period ending in December, 1969, at which time the question could be restudied.

If you agree with the contents of the proposal, the next step might be to have it studied by your Administrative people, with a view to determining whether the arrangement should be on a basis of fees per appearance or whether the whole package should be put together in a contract. As stated, the whole concept would be restudied after December, 1969, in either case.

We would much appreciate your guidance in this matter as soon as convenient in order that we may notify Dr. Gard without undue delay.

Attachment:

Memo from Mr. May to  
Mr. Williams dated  
August 28, 1969

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# Memorandum

TO : O/FSI/VTC - Mr. Ogden Williams, Coordinator

DATE: August 28, 1969

FROM : O/FSI/VTC - James A. May, Deputy Coordinator

SUBJECT: Proposed Utilization of Dr. Richard Gard in VTC Training Programs

Attached are Dr. Gard's and our faculty's joint proposals for meeting our VTC training needs.

The total package amounts to 18 sessions, composed of:

Basic Course	- 6 sessions
District Course	- 5 sessions
PSA Course	- 1 session
Extended Course	- <u>6 sessions</u>
TOTAL	18 sessions

This package includes 14 presentations to students and 4 to faculty. It would be repeated every six-week cycle, subject to adjustments which we would make, pursuant to evaluations of the effectiveness and relevance of the classes relative to overall VTC training objectives and other curriculum inputs.

We propose that a commitment, formal or informal, be made for Dr. Gard to provide these services for the next three six-week course cycles, ending in December 1969. By that time we will have enough experience to review our needs and his services and consider the nature of any future services that we might require.

The cost for the above services, at the standard guest lecturer's rate would be \$900.00 per six-week cycle, or a total of \$2,700.00 for the three cycles proposed through the end of this year.

Attachment:  
List of Proposed Lecture Sessions

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PROPOSED LECTURE SESSIONS  
for  
Dr. Richard Gard

A. BASIC COURSE

1. Animism, Taoism, and Confucianism: Their Nature and Significance for CORDS Programs and Operations

An introduction to their basic beliefs and customs, traditional influence in society, and importance for CORDS program work.

2. Buddhism, Catholicism, and Cao Daim: Their Nature and Significance for CORDS Programs and Operations

An introduction to their principal doctrines and practices, modern role in society, and importance for CORDS program work.

- 3-6 Lecture - Group Discussion on above subjects. (4 sessions)

TOTAL - 6 sessions

B. DISTRICT ADVISORS COURSE

1. The Importance of Vietnamese Religious Organizations and Resources for CORDS District Program Planning

A description of the nature, aims, and resources of Buddhist, Catholic, and Cao Dai groups and institutions for consideration in planning CORDS District programs.

2. How to Cope With Problems Arising from Animist, Buddhist, and Confucian Conceptions of Change

An analysis of the principal notions by which most Vietnamese and ethnic minorities understand and evaluate CORDS district and village development programs, and some ways to remove misunderstanding.

3. How Communists Exploit Buddhism and Some Practical Counter-Measures

A review of the ideological interpretation of Buddhist doctrines and use of Buddhist organizations and institutions by Moscow, Peking, and Hanoi; some counter-measures that could be effected at the provincial, district, and village levels.

- 4-5 Consultation with Faculty and Directed Research on the "Village Case Study" Exercise (2 sessions)

TOTAL - 5 sessions

## C. PROVINCE SENIOR ADVISORS COURSE

1 Developing Program Rapport and Cooperation with Religious Leaders

Practical suggestions for contacting Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Chinese Buddhists and other religious leaders, where, when, and how for their cooperation in CORDS community development.

TOTAL - 1 session

## D. EXTENDED COURSE

1 Avoiding Conflict Between the CORDS Program and Traditional Vietnamese Beliefs and Practices and Developing a Useful Role for the Latter

A consideration of astrology, geomancy, divination, folklore, and other popular beliefs and practices which affect Vietnamese understanding and acceptance of CORDS programs. Avoiding unnecessary conflicts. Developing useful, acceptable roles for these traditional beliefs and practices.

2 The Confucian Ethic in Vietnamese Society and Its Significance for CORDS Personnel

A description of traditional Confucian principles for personal, social, and political conduct; their declining role in modern society; and their importance for CORDS program work.

3 How Religious Organizations Can Strengthen Public Health Programs by Increasing the Participation of Religious Organizations

For example, a description of Buddhist facilities and activities in public health; and suggestions for cultivating Buddhist cooperation in relevant CORDS programs.

4 How Religious Institutions Can Facilitate Public Education Programs

For example, a description of Buddhist monastic and lay school systems; and suggestions for cultivating Buddhist cooperation in CORDS public education programs.

5-6 Seminar - Consultations with Faculty and directed research on the above subjects (2 sessions)

TOTAL - 6 sessions