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Dear Bert:

Forgive the long silence since my last letter. AID is involved in a monstrous RIF. They are cutting approximately 450 spaces out of USAID and CORDS in Viet-Nam, as one example. Also, it now appears clear that Dr. Winfield will be staying on for another year. Therefore, I think you should pursue the options you mentioned in your letter, which sounded possibly more interesting anyway. You realize, of course, that in passing along this news, I am most regretful. It is quite clear that a person of your dynamism and experience would be an invaluable asset to us, and if my hands are tied, they are tied by the fact that AID is not hiring FSR's. The GS problem is equally confused at the moment. In any case, I do hope that your other plans will work out, or have worked out already. Should there be an opportunity to get you on board at any time, I would be the first to seize upon it.

Will you be in Taiwan during the latter half of September? I expect to make a trip to Viet-Nam about that time and would drop off to see you. It would be a real pleasure for me to catch up on your doings and discuss areas of mutual interest.

The VTC job is proving to be very interesting, although not without problems. At a time when the Administration is de-escalating in Viet-Nam in every way, it is correspondingly more difficult to maintain a high degree of keenness in the students about to serve there. Also, VTC has no "father" in Washington, and while it continues to get rave notices from the field, the various agencies back here have no vested interest in our continued existence and success. So the job is a challenging one and all the more interesting for that reason.

Hoping we can see you soon. All the best,

Sincerely,

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