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Dear Oggie,

Thanks for your letter of 25 August 1970 with the enclosed copy of my performance evaluation report, Part I, and your comments regarding the thrust of Part II. I am most grateful to you and to Howard Sollenberger for your laudatory words and especially for the promotion recommendation.

Jackie is back in the old country, extricating the children. I think she left Saigon for Guam day before yesterday and will be back here with them before the end of the month. Home life will then take on new zest.

We have been enjoying life here. People are basically friendly and decent. They have a lot of fine qualities and will progress successfully in their own way. "Self Help" is a big thing here -- the largest program of all. The anomaly is that we have nothing to do with the program. We -- the greatest self-help programmers and operators of all time, per recent massive programs we've fostered and bank-rolled in East Asia.

Your 10% AID funding reduction will pose serious problems, I suppose. Will that kill the Gacapon exercise? -- and perhaps necessitate replacement of some native speaker language classes with laboratory study exercises? Or will Army come through with a larger share of faculty, maybe?

Out here, I'm faced with a surplus of everything except American staff. I'm Administrative Officer, Personnel Officer, B&F Officer and Assistant GSO. It keeps me busy and interested. Training is still my boy, too, as we have a 52 student, 7 faculty American elementary school to honcho.

Your joining the "horsey set" sounds like great fun -- or should one term you now a "West Virginia Cowboy"? Your farm should be rechristened a "ranch" maybe? Watch the horses ears.

The press here is very interesting. It's in Italian except on Friday (English and Arabic) and features all the latest releases from Hanoi, Cairo, E. Berlin, Moscow, Baghdad, Tripoli and North Korea concerning Vietnam, Cambodia, the

Suez War, South Africa and Rhodesia, the Imperialists and neo-colonialists' dastardly deeds and the positive neutralists, Peoples Republic's, & the peaceful liberationist's glorious achievements for the people and mankind. There are occasional selected quotes from the N. Y. Times, George McGovern and the like to show the U. S. masses' support of the overall editorial and news policy expressed. It is indeed an interesting view from the other side - 1984.

My bosses and colleagues here are an able and pleasant group of individuals, but I still miss the gang at V.T.C. My best to all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'James A. May', written over a horizontal line.

James A. May
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