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Dear Mr Williams,

It was a very pleasant surprise to hear from you. I understand you finally ~~got~~ moved to the new building. I was very glad to hear it. The old place had a bad effect on people's morale. I hope you and the whole crew are getting along well.

As you may or may not know, I am District Senior Advisor in Tan Chau District, Chau Doc Province. It is a very beautiful, charming place. It lies along the western bank of the Mekong from Cambodia to An Giang Province. Hoa Hao Village, the H.H. holyland is the southern most village in my district (all 4 hamlets). I've had tea with the Prophets family and they have been very nice to me. There are only 8 Americans in my district. I have a 3 man team; myself, an Army Capt. Dioc man and an E-7 Ops-intel. Also living in the team is a Navy Lieutenant

(~~Det~~ Naval Intelligence Liaison Off) and an E-6 advisor to the Marine Police. In addition, there are 3 IVS in H.H. village. So it is a relatively unspoiled area and I am quite happy. Security in the southern half of the district is good, but the northern end is a little 'touchy'. However, everything has been very quiet since I got here.

Mary Maughan is working in NHD in Ninh Thuan Province (Adv. Team 45, APO 96321). She only has 20,000 GI to protect (?) her. I got a letter yesterday telling me about sailing, good food, parties, etc. Security in ~~the~~ her areas is a problem, but they seem to be taking good care of her.

Susan Crane is working with refugees in Bien Hoa (P.O. Box 273 Cords, III, CFZ, APO 96227). She also seems to be getting excellent treatment although she just missed getting caught in a VC ambush about 2 weeks ago.

Ints Silins is DSA in Sa Dec
~~APD~~ Adv. Team 65, APO 96357
Gus Gowen, DSA in An Giang

(a one man team - no less!)

Adv. Team 69 APO 96215
Mike Owens - DSA - BA Xuyen

Adv. Team 71, APO 96216
Dave Mangan - DDSA - Vinh Long

Adv. Team 68, APO 96237
John Ford - AN Xuyen - DSA - I
don't have his address.

John Meddern + John Keane (Class
Go Cong Prov. - DSA's -

Adv. Team 92 APO 96329
So much for the Delta, Susan Crane
and Dave Peashock are in III Corp.

Mary, Bennet Marsh, and Randy
Marcus are in II Corp. Harney is
in I Corp. Roger Alluis is working
with land reform in IV Corp. So far
as I know, he is based in Can Tho.
So far as I know, all are doing
alright. John Swango is my
Province Senior Advisor. Lewis R.
MacFarlane (now assigned to Personell,
State Dept. Washington D.C.) was
my predecessor here. If you can,
invite him to see you. He is a
really nice guy and you will enjoy

talking to him. He can tell you alot more about my district at this point. I really enjoy being here, everyday brings something new. It is never boring. I am enjoying the hell out of it. I have 3 U.S. Navy ships on the Mekong along side my district and they pull liberty in Tan Chau. But they ~~are so~~ (the liberty partys) are small in number and spend most of their time here in the team house drinking beer.

We are having an Accelerated Pacification Campaign with all the associated problems, but nothing serious so far. A VC force of about 100 wandered through the district the other night (near the Cambodian border), but they did not attack anywhere.

We called a Hunter-Killer in to work them over, but he got lost and left without firing a shot. ~~The VN Navy~~ The VN Navy captured a VC propaganda team up the river 3 nights ago and brought them in here, but as they did not work this district they did not provide any intelligence.

of use to me. Well I have rambled
on long enough. As you can tell
I like the job. The next time
you are in Viet Nam, please come
see me. This is a very nice area.
On the other side of the province, there
is a war going on (7 mntns. area),
but over here it is quite nice.
Hope to see you, sometime.

Sincerely

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