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Dear Ogden:

The matter of David A. Lawton will be taken up at the next CORDS Personnel Committee Meeting. However, I am fairly sure the decision will be to let him come out here and to send him to Corry in Hau Nghia per your suggestion. I mentioned this problem to Colby who said, with a shoulder-shrug, that we ought to take the man. But we didn't have time for a real discussion and I had no opportunity to give him a copy of your memos. Now he has gone for a family visit to the U.S. If he gets in touch with you, you might bring up the Lawton matter.

Regarding Michael Tolle, here is a copy of a statement from Blaine Revis which gives all we know about him.

Of course, you may stay with me. There isn't any need to ask.

As ever,

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Leonard Maynard
Executive for Civil Operations

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Biography Sketch

Michael Stephen Tolle

Michael Tolle, the son of Ewin Randall Tolle, employees of USAID/CORDS/CDD, arrived in Vietnam for the purpose of voluntary employment with World Relief Commission during summer months of 1969. Mr. Tolle worked in Hoa Khanh children's hospital in Danang. His work was well received by employees of the hospital and Mr. Dick Pendell, Director for World Relief Commission has stated that Michael Tolle would be acceptable too for employment again in Vietnam if he so requested. Mr. Tolle was a diligent worker and manifested deep empathy with the children at the hospital.

Personal review: I had a few conversations with Michael Tolle upon his arrival in-country. In my impression of Mr. Tolle, he is a very bright young man and only slightly alienated from the U.S. government effort in Vietnam. As I recall, he was a senior at Princeton University. Our discussion ranged over the subject of student discontent with the U.S. effort in Vietnam. He stated that he was here to see for himself some of the problems existing in Vietnam and that he wanted to relieve his conscience by doing some constructive work in Vietnam.

I did not have an opportunity to review the conversation after his employment with WRC or before his departure from Vietnam in August. However, Mr. Tolle impressed me as being objective and sincere. With these two qualifications, I cannot help but believe that his attitude supporting US non-involvement in Vietnam has changed to a position more favorable to U.S. support of the Vietnamese government.

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Ogden This is from Blaine Revis,
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Refugee Directorate. I am