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Dear Jake:

Regarding the proposed Interagency Committee meeting on the Viet-Nam Training Center which we discussed with you during your recent visit to Washington, I enclose a draft agenda for such a meeting. Howard Sollenberger specifically suggests as a possible meeting date the week of June 15-19. I told him that such a date would have to presume that CORDS had had a chance to submit its personnel requirements, per our previous correspondence, in time for the various parent agencies to study such requirements and then compute their own personal inputs to CORDS over the next year.

I would earnestly solicit your early comments on the proposed agenda and proposed timing. I expect to be talking to Bill Sullivan in the next few days to get his reactions. Could you also indicate who might be representing CORDS at the meeting?

New subject. Yesterday I learned that one Norman Sweet was going to be replacing McManaway and that he had been in Washington for some time, but that no one in AID/Personnel had deemed it appropriate to send him to the Viet-Nam Training Center except to attend one lecture by Hirsch. I learned about this matter yesterday when one of my staff said he had met Sweet over at AID and had been appalled by his attitude regarding CORDS, the GVN, etc., etc. I would presume that Sweet would not replace McManaway in the latter's role with the Central Pacification Committee, at

least until he has about six weeks in country so as to acquire that expertise and experience traditionally considered acceptable to permit Americans to advise the GVN at high levels! I called Ted Morris who now informs me that Sweet will be placed in touch with us at some point. I will attempt to draw him out in conversation and find out what his attitudes are, and let you know.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Draft Agenda

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Draft Proposal

There has not been a meeting of the Interagency Committee on the Viet-Nam Training Center for almost one year. It is felt that the time has come for reconsideration of a series of problems relating to support of VTC and, by extension, to support of CORDS/VN.

Principal items to be considered include the following:

- (1) CORDS requirements for FSO and FSR personnel for FY-71, including requirements for long-term language training.
- (2) Review of the present training offered by VTC to prospective CORDS officers, as well as training now available for non-CORDS personnel being assigned to the Embassy, JUSPAO and USAID.
- (3) Proposal for the establishment, within the Department of State, of an over-all CORDS Coordinator.
- (4) Review of State, AID and military projections of personnel inputs to VTC and CORDS/Viet-Nam.
- (5) Review of VTC funding projections and administrative support.

To assure that all the above items, and any other business that may come before the meeting, be given substantive consideration, an authorized representative of Ambassador Colby will be recalled from Viet-Nam to attend the meeting. This CORDS representative will be empowered to speak for CORDS/Viet-Nam on substantive and proposed issues.

The following officers are invited to attend a meeting at the Foreign Service Institute, chaired by Mr. Howard E. Sollenberger, Acting Director, FSI, as representatives of U.S. agencies in Washington:

<u>State</u>	—	Ambassador William H. Sullivan Mr. John H. Burns Mr. H. Freeman Matthews, Jr. Mr. Frederick Brown
<u>AID</u>	—	Mr. Joseph S. Toner Mr. Robert H. Nooter Mr. Daniel F. Creedon Mr. Donald E. Kidston
<u>Defense</u>	—	Maj. Gen. Charles M. Gettys Brig. Gen. George Blanchard LTC Robert G. M. Storey
<u>USIA</u>	—	Mr. Lionel S. Mosley Mr. Otis E. Hays, Jr. Mr. Monta Osborne
<u>VTC</u>	—	Mr. Ogden Williams Mr. R. G. Jones Mr. Daniel L. Quaid, Jr.
<u>CIA</u>	—	