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Dear Jake:

Two items:

1. Could you give us an idea as to when we might get the CORDS personnel requirements data upon which inputs into VTC from the parent agencies could be computed? As you know, we hope to have an inter-agency meeting attended by very high levels from each agency. Prior to such meeting, we should get your requirements so that the various people concerned can indicate what they intend to do by way of a response. I would much appreciate getting a copy of either the requirements, or an approximate date when they will be forthcoming.

2. As you know, VTC has had a program of getting a Vietnamese area specialist here for a 90-day TDY. Our most recent candidate returned to Saigon about a month ago and we have no one in that category here at this time. Getting a Vietnamese who is effective in English and aggressive enough in personality to be willing to really communicate with the students has not been easy. We have one specific candidate in mind who might be made available by the GVN and who might be willing to come. The individual is Major Nguyen Cong Luan who was formerly Director of the National Chieu Hoi Center in Saigon. I believe he now works on veterans affairs or possibly for the PsyWar directorate. The Chieu Hoi office could undoubtedly ascertain his exact whereabouts. Perhaps Len Maynard could help track this matter down, to find out if Luan could be released for 90 days and if he would be willing to come to serve on our staff here.

Hoping to hear from you at your early convenience.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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