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Miss Mary H. Maughan
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Dear Mary:

I flew straight through from Bangkok but only reached Washington on Saturday afternoon after you had all graduated and gone your separate ways. I did spend one day in Saigon and happened to run into a fellow named Dick Parkinson who works in the Village Development Program in Saigon. I told him that we had a number of young Foreign Service girls who would be coming out shortly, and asked what positions could be envisioned that they might usefully occupy in CORDS. He said that he would like to have such people, particularly when I pointed out that the girls concerned were language officers who did not want to be administrative types. I mentioned your name and learned for the first time that he also comes from Utah, namely Salt Lake City. I gather that Parkinson is not outstanding in his relations with the Vietnamese, attempting to impose American standards upon them, but I got a clear message that he would be very interested in talking to you when you reach Saigon.

I shall send a copy of this letter to Leonard Maynard and would ask you particularly to look up Len at his office in USAID II on Ngo Thoi Nghiem Street as soon as you reach Saigon. You have already seen the response of George Jacobson to my letter regarding you and Susan, but I know Len Maynard will also take an interest in seeing to it that you get a chance to do something interesting in Viet-Nam.

In order to write you, I got out your file to get your address and had a chance to read your final Evaluation Report. I am most proud

of the tremendous job you did at VTC, including your great language performance, and really wish to extend my sincere congratulations.

With best wishes and warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

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