

MEMORANDUM

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TO: O/DG - Mr. John H. Burns  
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FROM: O/FSI/VTC - Raymond G. Jones, Deputy Coordinator

SUBJECT: Foreign Service Officers as Province Senior Advisors in Viet-Nam

We here at the Viet-Nam Training Center are familiar with the emphasis now being placed on CORDS assignments within the Foreign Service. A recent conversation with George Lambrakis on this particular subject indicated that the actual duties of a Province Senior Advisor are probably not fully known or much less appreciated.

I had in my files a copy of a memorandum Bill Colby sent to all his Division Chiefs in MACV, and although it is now fairly well dated, it provides some illuminating insights as to the specific qualities which a high-caliber FSO brings to the PSA effort. One of the most valuable is contained somewhat "between the lines" in the sense that their reporting ability is even more valuable because they seem to strike a nice balance between over-dedication to the bureaucracy on the one hand and on the other an over-emphasis of their own integrity, both of which tend to warp the kind of valuable perspective which you will note in the attached "Thoughts on Pacification."

After you have had an opportunity to peruse the attachment, I am sure Mr. Lambrakis would like to get a look at it.

Attachment

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