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O/FSI/VTC - Coordinator

Mr. Randolph A. Wedler, CORDS XXIII

On or about March 7, 1970, I called in Mr. Wedler and confronted him with his conduct of deliberately "turning off" or going to sleep during District course lectures, which had been considered impolite and offensive by members of the staff.

I noted that he was doing well in language and suggested that, since he apparently was not interested in learning anything in the Operations courses, perhaps he should be topped-out and sent to Viet-Nam immediately. This seemed to alarm Mr. Wedler considerably. He said that he didn't want to go to Viet-Nam now because he wanted to really tie down the language problem before entering on his tour of duty. I told him that, if such was the case, he had better not be reported to me as sleeping in class or otherwise showing childish attitudes or he would be terminated here without further ado.

Mr. Wedler was very apologetic and promised to mend his ways. I told him I would think the matter over and possibly see him again in a few days.

Comment: I believe this officer is very young, not particularly strong, and easily swayed in his attitudes. He apparently has considerable language capability which justifies his retention in the course. In other respects, I would be inclined to think he is too immature to be of great advantage to CORDS/Viet-Nam. He should be monitored by the staff, and should significant problems emerge between now and the end of his tour at VTC, he should be returned to AID for another assignment.

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