



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: EA - Ambassador William H. Sullivan
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FROM: O/FSI/VTC - Ogden Williams
SUBJECT: Input of State Department Officers into the Viet-Nam
Training Center and CORDS/Viet-Nam

With reference to our conversation of February 24 and the hopefully imminent decision to commit 150 officers to serve in CORDS/Viet-Nam, the following attempts to spell out what this would mean in terms of VTC training cycles.

1. Assumptions. Approximately 100 officers would be in Viet-Nam or en route to or from Viet-Nam at any one time. Approximately 50 officers would be in training. Of the total 150 officers, 40 would be senior (grades 1 through 4) and 110 would be junior (below grade 4). The period of VTC training for senior officers would be nine weeks. The period of training for lower grade officers would be 49 weeks (long-term language).

2. Plan of Implementation.

FSO's now in training (2/26)	45
Graduating 2/26 - 6/30	<u>-17</u>
	28

Shortfall to 6/30	22
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Required input for 3 classes in FY 70	
(3/30, 5/11, 6/22) 8 each equals	24
Allow 10% slippage	<u>-2</u>
	22

FY 1971

In training 7/1	50
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Input to 8 classes in FY 71, 7 each equals ..	56
Allow 10% slippage	<u>-6</u>
	50

3. To train 40 senior officers for an 18-month tour equals 27 per year.

Input for 8 classes per year, 4 each equals ..	32
Allow 15% slippage	<u>- 5</u>
	27

4. Conclusion. To accomplish the objective of a State Department commitment of 150 officers to CORDS/Viet-Nam, the Department should in principle provide four senior officers and eight junior officers for each VTC class beginning on March 30 and continuing thereafter through FY 1971. (This allows for slippages of 15% [senior officers] and 10% [junior officers].)

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