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Dear Tex:

I have been informed that you will be eligible for home leave in March, 1970, and that you may be up for transfer then or at some early period thereafter. The purpose of my letter is to inquire whether you would be interested in joining Guy Jones and me here at VTC.

George Cosgrove has been one of the key instructors in the District Operations Course, and he appears to be going out to Laos in the near future. We are really anxious to get a civilian District Senior Advisor to take his place, and by this time your experience on the ground in that capacity would give you all the qualifications to fill the job. The District Operations Course is, in my view, an increasingly effective operation, and its faculty not only highly qualified but also great people to work with.

The District Operations Course faculty are available to the Basic Course and to the Extended Course as well, and have a tremendous opportunity to contribute to our aims in Viet-Nam by assuring that the people who go out there are sophisticated and motivated. As you know, quality and not quantity has always been what we have desperately needed in Viet-Nam, and this is the key place in the US Government where we can do something serious towards the desired end. VTC has changed and developed a lot since you were here, and I think you would find the assignment highly satisfying. It would also give you a chance to re-Americanize and be with your family.

Another great advantage of this assignment is that its duration is flexible. An officer can either stay for a two-year tour or longer or he can be released to take a field assignment after only one year. No other assignment of which I am aware gives him the same degree of flexibility and self-determination.

Please let me know if you want me to ask for you by name and, in the meantime, treat this as informal and confidential.

I would also love to hear your assessment of things. I imagine the new NVA forces must give you some cause for concern in your area. Please drop me a line when you have a chance, and the sooner the better.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

/s/

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