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Mr. George D. Jacobson  
Assistant Chief of Staff,  
CORDS, MACCORDS  
c/o American Embassy  
Saigon, Viet-Nam

Dear Jake:

It now appears that George Cosgrove, one of our permanent staff in the District Operations Course, will shortly be assigned to AID duty in Laos. This leaves a vacancy in our District Course staff which we are most anxious to fill. George is a civilian, and the other faculty members in this course are, for the most part, military officers. LTC Black is the chairman of the course, and he joins me in feeling that it is extremely important to keep an adequate balance between civilian and military staff members on our faculty. Accordingly, what we really need is to have an outstanding civilian District Senior Advisor identified who would be leaving Viet-Nam in the very near future and who would be willing to serve in our District Operations Course, which is extremely vital and, I believe, interesting duty. It would help us enormously if you could identify one or more candidates in this category. Time is of the essence since George Cosgrove's nomination to Laos came to us out of the blue.

By now I trust you have met Capt. Joel Gardner, also of the District Operations Course, about whom I telephoned you the other day. Perhaps he could also help in locating or interviewing civilian candidates to replace Cosgrove if such was deemed useful by you.

Anything you could do to help us with respect to the above would be most appreciated.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

/s/

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