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Vice Admiral J. H. King, Jr.
Commander U.S. Naval Forces/Viet-Nam
FPO San Francisco 96626

Dear Admiral King:

Recently a member of my staff, Captain Joel R. Gardner, USMC, returned from a TDY trip to Viet-Nam, during which he visited a large number of districts and provinces to gather up-dating material for the courses we give here at the Viet-Nam Training Center for Province and District Senior Advisors. As you are probably aware, we train both civilian and military officers for assignments with CORDS. It is expected that by March of 1971 nearly all District Senior Advisors will be school trained. An exception will be the two districts of Gia Dinh located in the Rung Sat.

During his trip, Captain Gardner had an opportunity to speak briefly with you and with Captain Strong at Rach Gia, and again in Saigon. He, at that time, expressed an interest in our training program. I am, therefore, taking this opportunity to send you some information pertaining to the 18-week District Advisors Program. This program is made up of six weeks of Country and Operations Studies and twelve weeks of District Operations and Management, which includes 300 hours of Vietnamese language.

In addition to the POI's, I have also enclosed a schedule of starting dates for future classes. If we at the Viet-Nam Training Center can be of use to you, we will be most happy to assist. In the past we have had Naval officers being assigned to civic action jobs in Nav For-V come through the school. We were particularly happy to have Captain William Crowe in one of our programs recently.

I will be leaving for a visit to Viet-Nam on January 5, and will, at that time, bring this subject up with Mr. Jacobson.

Sincerely yours,

Ogden Williams
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Viet-Nam Training Center

Enclosures

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