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Lt. Colonel Richard H. Marshall
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Staff for Personnel
Department of the Army
The Pentagon, Room 2C738
Washington, D.C. 20310

Dear Dick:

We, at the Viet-Nam Training Center, are trying to get a few of our ducks in a row before the initial meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee to which we understand General Palmer has agreed.

Mr. Williams will be going to MACV in January and will be wanting to discuss some general aspects from a budgetary point of view. In view of this, perhaps we can start to investigate a few of the aspects other than money which will present problems to the Committee. Hence, the following questions.

1. In the event we lengthen the DSA course to include about 300 hours more of language (10 weeks) for a total of about 27/28 weeks, the Majors would not receive TDY but PCS orders resulting in a significant reduction in income to support their living in the Washington area. Question: Would this financial hardship (?) be of sufficient gravity to exclude them from attending a PCS language course here?

2. Originally the Province Senior Advisor Course was set up as a long course not because the long language exposure was so important, but because the Army wanted these people to have a fairly stable period of service with their families before returning to Viet-Nam. Question: If we reduced the PSA course by restructuring it to resemble the current DSA course (18-week, 300 hours language), would the Army consider that change from PCS to TDY would now be acceptable? PSA course is now a PCS (33 weeks).

An investigation of Army views on these two questions would provide guidance which the committee will need in its consideration of various options.

Sincerely yours,

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