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Dear Jake:

The usual Student Placement Reports on the following officers will be forthcoming shortly, but I wished to send you a letter about them since they are FSO's and since problems have recently arisen regarding the assignment of FSO's at the grade levels of these officers.

The officers concerned are: (1) Christopher A. Squire (FSO-3), age 46; (2) Richard W. Aherne (FSO-4), Age 33; (3) Frank E. Schmelzer (FSO-4), age 42, and (4) Harry B. Glazer (FSO-4), age 47. A brief background data on each is attached.

I would tend to rate these officers in the order I have given them above except that Schmelzer and Glazer would be ranked equally.

Squire has been largely in the European area in State and overseas, was a fighter pilot in World War II, and is viewed by us as being experienced, mature and one who could step immediately into a PSA position. Squire's own statement gives a key to his personality: "My personal preference is for a PSA assignment, in First or Second Military Region, in an active province with plenty of executive and program management possibilities. I intend to be actively involved in all phases of team action, not merely a 'managerial' type." Squire's ETA Saigon is November 20.

Aherne is a very polished and sophisticated individual. He was recently Special Assistant to Sargent Shriver in Paris. He would prefer a few months in Headquarters or a region, and then would like to be a PSA in Ninh Thuan (March 1971) or Tuyen Duc (June 1971). He picked out these provinces because they would open up soonest. He is very aggressive in the right sense of the word and will very definitely "get with" the program. We rate him as ready for DPSA responsibilities immediately. I am informed that he was

specifically asked for by John Vann. Aherne's request for provinces in II Corps does not reflect a desire to avoid working for Vann. On the contrary he would enjoy doing so, but wants to get his own province in due course.

Schmelzer prefers II or III Corps, with initial assignment as DPSA or as NLD Chief if DPSA is not available, leading to future assignment as PSA. His ETA Saigon is November 23. He has been in the political area in South Asia, is extremely personable and should do a good job in the initial assignments which he requests, where his potential for ultimate PSA assignment can be judged.

Glazer's ETA Saigon is November 30. He has expressed a preference for Khanh Hoa or Quang Ngai Provinces, and would like to be a PSA. His background is largely European. He is considered to be mature and has considerable insight. Like the other officers, his primary concern is that he be assigned to a demanding job.

All of these officers were taken from other areas to serve in Viet-Nam under directed assignments. They have accepted the challenge and want to become involved in a hard-hitting and meaningful program. They are all good candidates.

I hope to see you in January in Saigon and will be requesting the usual clearance in due course. While in Washington, you mentioned that perhaps it would now be possible for Jim Smith to return to Viet-Nam for a few weeks to update himself on province operations. Would you be able to get this cleared so that he could go in February? I think there would be considerable advantages for us if this were feasible.

Sincerely,

Ogden Williams
Coordinator
Viet-Nam Training Center

Enclosures

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CHRISTOPHER A. SQUIRE (FSO-3)

Military Experience:

USAAF, World War II, Captain, Fighter Pilot, Combat.
12 FTR Squad, 13th Air Force, S&SW Pacific Area (2 yrs. overseas)

Civilian Experience:

1951-Present. U.S. Department of State.

1951-1953. Chief Consular Section, Prague.
1953-1956. VOA.
1956-1958. Political/Cultural, Budapest.
1959-1962. Economic, Commercial, Political, Brussels.
1963-1966. Hungarian Desk Officer, State.
1966-1969. Science Attache, Moscow.
1969-1970. Economic Consular, Moscow.

RICHARD W. AHERNE (FSO-4)

- 1968-70. Special Assistant to Ambassador Sargent Shriver, Embassy Paris. Worked on reorganization and personnel; developing and exploiting new management systems; speech writing; relations with press, radio, TV; plus usual front-office staff management.
- 1965-68. Assistant Officer-in-Charge of French Affairs, Department. The usual political "desk" work.
- 1963-65. Assistant U.S. Permanent Representative to UNESCO, Embassy Paris. Political and representational work, as well as speech writing and staff work for Senator William Benton, then U.S. Ambassador to UNESCO.
- 1961-63. Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department.
- 1959-61. Private business.

FRANK E. SCHMELZER (FSO-4)

Previous Assignments:

Frankfurt, Visa Officer, 1955-56.
University of California, S. Asian Studies, 1957-58.
Madras, India, Political Officer, 1958-62.
Kabul, Political Officer, 1963-65.

Department:

Desk Officer, Afghanistan, Political/Economic, 1965-67.
Special Assistant, Director General, Personnel, 1967-68.
PM, 1968-70, Military Assistance & Sales (MAP, FMS),
coordination with DOD, BOB and bureaus of Department.

HARRY B. GLAZER (FSO-4)

Experience: Economic/Political Officer, Malta.
Irish/Bahamian Desk Officer. Military liaison
and coordination with USN, USAF and NASA interests
in Caribbean.
Special Assistant (EUR) on Law of the Sea to Deputy
Under Secretary U. A. Johnson and Assistant
Secretary Tyler.
Consul, Geneva.
Vice Consul, Munich.
Political/Military liaison and coordination EUR/RA.

Languages: German, French.

Training: BA - History.
One year graduate study.

Family: Wife, Daughter 13, Son 10.
Temporary residence - Kensington, Maryland.