

MEMORANDUM

November 5, 1970

TO: O/FSI/SSFP - Ambassador Elbert G. Mathews
FROM: O/FSI/VTC - Ogden Williams
SUBJECT: Dennis J. Duncanson

The following is some biographic data on Mr. Duncanson:

His present position is that of a Reader in Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Kent. He has been (and may still be) a Fellow of the Center for International Studies at the London School of Economics. He is an author of many articles and at least one book, Government and Revolution in Viet-Nam, 1968.

Mr. Duncanson was a Major in the British Army in World War II serving in the Norwegian Campaign and the Italian Campaign in East Africa. He became Civil Affairs Officer in Ethiopia. From 1946-1957, he served as a Chinese Affairs Specialist in the Government of Malaya. He had extensive experience as a member of the Malayan Civil Service during the insurgency in that country. As a result of this experience, he was appointed to the Thompson Advisory Mission to Viet-Nam, serving from 1961 to 1965, and was Counsellor of the British Embassy in Saigon from 1965-1966. He reads Vietnamese, Chinese and French and has a great depth of experience in Southeast Asia. At this writing, he is en route to Viet-Nam, Thailand and Indonesia for a visit and is expected to return to London on December 6. He will come to the United States on December 8 and appear at the Viet-Nam Training Center on December 9 and December 10. Mr. Duncanson has appeared at the Viet-Nam Training Center on two previous occasions and has made an exceptional contribution to our program. He is, like so many of his British colleagues, immensely articulate, interested and interesting.

His present address is _____, and for the next few weeks can be reached in care of the British Embassy, Saigon.