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PERSONAL

Honorable William B. Macomber
Deputy Under Secretary
for Administration
Department of State

Dear Bill:

I am writing to solicit your advice and will try to be brief. A.I.D. will be dismantled in the next few years. As an A.I.D. officer, I must either try to stay in the foreign policy area which has been my career since 1951, or look for alternatives. Within the Department I am known to, or have worked with or under, men like yourself, Bill Sullivan, Ambassador Bunker and his wife, Winthrop Brown and many others. After joining A.I.D. in 1962, I have had assignments to include A.I.D. Director Laos (transferred before EOD to Viet-Nam as Assistant Director in charge of all Province Representatives (PSA's) in Viet-Nam (1964)); Deputy Director Tunis (1965-66); Associate Director Viet-Nam in charge of the Chieu Hoi Program under Ambassadors Porter and Komer (1966-69), and Coordinator, Viet-Nam Training Center. In the field I have served on occasion as Acting Director of the A.I.D. Missions in Viet-Nam (1963) and Tunisia (1965). I have also served as Second Secretary in the Political Section (New Delhi - 1959) and on a Special Advisory Team to Ngo dinh Diem in 1956-57. In Togo I worked closely with the Interior Minister.

In short, I have both extensive and intensive experience in the political "cone," dealing with foreign officials, usually in the French language in which I am fluent, at the Ministerial level, and, in the case of Viet-Nam, at the Chief of State level.

You are in a position to know what the needs of the Department are and what kind of people are wanted. In short, would there be merit, in your view, in an application by me for lateral entry into the Department? Obviously such applications would be considered favorably only if they corresponded to the needs of the service as seen by its leading officials. Any advice you could tender in this regard would be most appreciated. A brief resume is enclosed.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Ogden Williams

Enclosure