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Brigadier General Alexander Haig
Office of the Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
West Wing, The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear General Haig:

Referring to our recent conversation, we would much appreciate any action your staff could take to push through the matter of an NSDM for the Viet-Nam Training Center. You indicated that uncertainty as to which agency should fund VTC in the future had held up the preparation of the NSDM in the past. This may become a problem one day, but even under the impact of the Peterson Report and the President's decision in the matter, it will presumably be some time before A.I.D. is dismembered. In the meantime, A.I.D. is already preparing to fund the Viet-Nam Training Center again for FY 1972. Thus, I would suggest that there is no obstacle to going ahead with the NSDM and assigning funding responsibilities to A.I.D. as heretofore.

If you agree, any action you could take to get this matter back on the track would be highly appreciated. If I seem to fight unduly hard for an organization which looms low on your scale of priorities, it is because our mission is closely related to that of CORDS in Viet-Nam—which has a high priority—and because, in any case, it is my duty to do so as the officer in charge of this training center. We much appreciate your efforts on our behalf in the past.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ogden Williams
Coordinator
Viet-Nam Training Center