

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File

DATE: October 12, 1970

FROM : O/FSI/VTC - Ogden Williams, Coordinator

SUBJECT: Randolph A. WEDLER, FSRL-7 (CORDS Class XXIII)

This morning, I was informed by AID Personnel that Mr. Wedler had submitted his resignation. Mr. Wedler was initially enrolled in the Viet-Nam Training Center on November 10, 1969, for a 49-week training program to include extensive familiarization of the Vietnamese language.

Throughout the program he has been a marginal student at best. In recent months his attitude was characterized by a minimal motivation and poor cooperation with his instructors. Several weeks ago reports from the students and from the staff of the Language Division began to circulate to the effect that Mr. Wedler had no intention whatsoever of accepting an assignment to Viet-Nam at the end of his training course, and now that he had turned 26 (on July 18), his purpose in enrolling in the program — namely to acquire draft exemption — had been satisfied. Last week I requested the Language Division to have Mr. Wedler come to see me. My purpose was to confront him with these allegations and ascertain their accuracy. Mr. Wedler declined to attend the meeting, stating that he was not prepared to face a confrontation, left school and went absent without leave for a number of days. Finally, he appeared at AID to confirm that he was in fact resigning.

While Mr. Wedler's subjective intent to avoid the draft cannot be positively verified, his conduct at this school and his openly evasive behavior in the last week are entirely consistent with such an interpretation. In any case, I am fully persuaded that Mr. Wedler has been consciously accepting Government employment and a Government salary under false pretenses and with no intention of fulfilling the commitments for which he was being trained. While Mr. Wedler has been at all times free to form his own convictions concerning any matter, I think that his willingness to accept Government funds while withholding his cooperation indicates a distinct lack of integrity. I feel that this question of integrity, together with his poor performance generally, should be made a matter of record and should be given serious attention should he ever apply again for any employment with the U.S. Government.

cc: FSP/PM(AID) - Alberta Talbert
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