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Robert A. Stempel (FSRL-7), CORDS Class XXIII

I have been informed today that Mr. Stempel has resigned from AID within a few days of his intended assignment to Viet-Nam. As a member of CORDS Class XXIII, he entered the Viet-Nam Training Center on November 10, 1969, for a 49-week training program. In recent months, his motivation and cooperation in class have been less than satisfactory. Recently, Mr. Stempel has been calling in "sick," but always on Mondays and Fridays, and by means of a long-distance call. At the same time, the VTC staff began to hear rumors from the students that Mr. Stempel had no intention of going to Viet-Nam, and that he was in fact using sick leave to find a job, presumably in the New York area.

It was further conjectured, without positive proof, that Mr. Stempel's attendance at the Viet-Nam Training Center from the outset, and his entire employment with AID, were part of a plan to evade the draft. The truth of this allegation cannot be determined since it depends upon Mr. Stempel's subjective intent, but his attitude at this school and his conduct in recent weeks as his Viet-Nam assignment became imminent have been entirely consistent with such a hypothesis. I personally believe that, under the circumstances, Mr. Stempel has been accepting Government employment and Government money under false pretenses and that considerations of integrity are involved. I think that these circumstances should be made a matter of record and should be taken strongly into account should he ever again apply for employment with the United States Government.

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