

FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE

September 28, 1970

Honorable Henry Loomis
Deputy Director
U.S. Information Agency
Washington, D.C. 20547

Dear Henry:

The Viet-Nam Training Center has pressing need for an experienced former Province Senior Advisor from Viet-Nam, and the most qualified candidate in the Washington area of whom we are aware is F. David James of USIA, who is now temporarily assigned, as I understand it, to your Viet-Nam Working Group. If USIA were willing to release Mr. James, he would be placed on State Department rolls on a reimbursable detail basis, funded by the AID VTC budget, and assigned to the Viet-Nam Training Center as co-chairman of the Province Senior Advisor Course. This course trains all of the military and civilian Province Senior Advisors who are to be assigned to Viet-Nam. These men can have a very real influence on the eventual success of the Vietnamization program. Both because he served very creditably in this capacity, and also because he is a civilian, Dave James would be a most valuable addition to our staff. We have the position slot available and can arrange all the details provided USIA concurs in our request.

I understand that Mr. James is being held for a later assignment abroad. The VTC post seems even more appropriate in this light, since unlike most Washington assignments, we can adjust the duration of his tour with us to suit the wishes of the parent agency. Thus, we would offer Mr. James an assignment of one year, but should the needs of USIA dictate otherwise, such duty could be reduced to six months or any other period at the convenience of USIA. Conversely, it could also be extended. In any case, we would much appreciate any consideration that could be given to this request. As you may know, VTC already has two valued members of its staff who are USIA personnel, namely, Ev Bungardner and Tom Charouhas.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely,

cc: Ev Bungardner
Dan Quaid

Ogden Williams
Coordinator
Viet-Nam Training Center