

FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE

August 31, 1970

Mr. Richard Riddle, Director
Chieu Hoi Division
CORDS, II Corps
APO San Francisco 96350

Dear Dick:

It has been too long since we were last in contact. Every six weeks or so, we give a presentation on Chieu Hoi here at the Viet-Nam Training Center in Washington. Guy Jones bears the burden of this, and I am beginning to have a guilty feeling for not being as current on that program as I used to be. Would it be an excessive burden to write me a personal letter telling me how the program is going, with particular emphasis on any program innovations or any recent developments in methodology, allowances or emphasis? This could be rather brief but perhaps you could run down the familiar checklist of inducement, reception, training, re-settlement and follow-up to see where we stand in these areas now. The latest statistics on Kit Carsons, APT's and such sometimes filter through to us by your official reports, but sometimes we don't get these figures until long after the event.

Quite apart from the foregoing, I would be fascinated to get your personal assessment of how things are going in general, and naturally not for the record. The bureaucratic situation, the way the Vietnamese are performing, etc. One thing interests me particularly. If the U.S. and third country advisors were phased out of the program, would the Vietnamese keep it going and at what level of performance?

Finally, how about Richard Riddle? Are you enjoying Viet-Nam this time and how do you see the future? Will you be going off to Ethiopia with the UN, or whatever?

On this end, I have a small house in Washington with extra bedrooms for you and anyone you wish to bring, and every weekend go to a 200-acre mountain top in West Virginia from which it would be hard to pry me loose. I expect to be here at the Viet-Nam Training Center until July 1971, if AID and CORDS don't reorganize us out of existence.

I should love to stay in touch. Maybe I will be working for you one day in a program to return Australia to the Aborigines or to some other worthy cause.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Ogden Williams
Coordinator
Viet-Nam Training Center

4621 Q Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007