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Dear Mr. Spears:

This letter is in response to Jack Napier's letter to me dated July 17, 1970.

Regarding the availability of long-term language trainees, the latest count shows that the new VTC class starting on August 3 will have only two such trainees, one from USIA and one from AID. AID is supposed to be placing ten men in such training every six weeks, so you can see what the extent of the shortfall is. There are also no such candidates from State. Fred Brown of the Department is fully on top of the problem but cannot supply any candidates for the moment.

You will recall that the Department of State made the decision some months ago not to send junior officers to Viet-Nam on their first tour. Thus, any long-term language candidates will be FSO's and FSO-6's. We anticipate that some more will be made available in due course, but at the moment the situation for long-term language candidates is very grim indeed. Incidentally, I sent a letter to Ambassador Colby yesterday about this. Regarding what CORDS can do about it, I would suggest appropriate correspondence from CORDS to AID would help considerably.

Regarding the last paragraph of Jack's letter, it is my understanding that the guidance CORDS will receive about future personnel authorizations and reductions will be forthcoming from Ambassador Berger's committee, not from Washington. This is what Don Kidston tells me. Thus, when determinations have been made in Saigon, you will presumably be able to give us CORDS personnel projections such as we requested from Mr. Jacobson during his visit here.

New subject. We like to keep you and Mr. Jacobson informed as to the situation in the up-dating visits of our faculty. I am sure Jack Napier has given you the background. Tom Charouhas is currently in Viet-Nam. LTC Lorne Black who is particularly in need of a district level refresher will arrive on or about 17 August and remain until 2 September. You should have a wire on him already. We are holding off a bit on other visits for the moment due to heavy instructional loads, but plan to send Captain Joel Gardner, USMC, District Course instructor; Val Mahan, Basic Course instructor, and Bob Zimmerman, Chairman of the Basic Course, in October, November and December, not necessarily in that order. Guy Jones plans a visit in late September and will among other things be able to look into your personnel requirements for CORDS training in some detail, if this hasn't been completely resolved by that time. We will inform you by wire at least a month in advance on each individual case as plans become definite. Would appreciate your passing this information to Mr. Jacobson since he wants to be kept informed of the status of this program.

Sincerely,

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