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Honorable William E. Colby
Deputy COMUSMACV for CORDS
c/o American Embassy
Saigon, Viet-Nam

Dear Bill:

Based on our previous correspondence and our recent talks with George Jacobson, you will not be surprised, but may well be alarmed, to note that the new VTC class (CORDS XXIX starting August 3) will reportedly contain some 45 students, of whom thirty Majors, ten Lieutenant Colonels, two State short-term, two Public Safety short-term and one USIA long-term. Thus, there will be only one language officer in this class, with no such candidates forthcoming from either A.I.D. or State. Naturally, I am starting to light fires around here, but believe that an appropriate scream from MACV/CORDS would echo somewhat louder.

In this connection, we hope that the over-all CORDS personnel projections which we requested from Jake will be forthcoming before too long. This will enable those people at the Washington level who are concerned about CORDS to do the appropriate planning and apply necessary pressures. When those figures are in and have been distributed to the parent agencies, we will hope to have an interagency meeting concerning VTC specifically, but more generally providing a forum for the airing of CORDS personnel needs and for statements by the various agencies as to what they plan to do in support of CORDS. Per our conversations with Jake, we would hope that a qualified representative of CORDS could attend such a meeting, which would presumably occur some weeks after your personnel projections are received here.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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