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Dear Susan:

Via John Stutesman and others I have learned of your and Mary's assignments. To be frank with you, Bien Hoa is not the location I would have chosen, although the job may be good. It is near Saigon, which is an advantage, but I have always found it to be one of the more depressing places in Viet-Nam, simply because of the imminent presence of Long Binh. Bien Hoa used to be a beautiful place, but nowhere in Viet-Nam are the effects of war more manifest than there. I do hope that you will have a chance at least to visit other parts of the country, and that your impressions of Viet-Nam will not solely be those which you will gather from your immediate surroundings, which are exceptional and, in my view, regrettable in the extreme. On the other hand, Charlie Whitehouse is a great person, and perhaps after some time you may be able to end up in some other part of the Corps, if that is what you should want.

I did hear from George Jacobson, and talked to Len Maynard yesterday. My letters on your behalfs and that of Ints Silins apparently bore fruit in that you got a chance to talk to Jake and Len personally. I hope that was useful and advantageous.

Please let me know how things are going if you ever have the time and are in the mood. I have an entirely gratuitous and unsolicited sense of responsibility and concern for my CORDS XIX classmates, particularly for you two girls, and am anxious to make sure that you get as good a break as possible in your over-all experience in Viet-Nam.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely,

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