

June 26, 1970

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Dear Frank:

I much appreciated your note of June 10 enclosing the end of tour reports of Howard W. Groom and Peter F. Hurst. I found both of them most illuminating. Immediately after sending you this letter, I will take steps to make sure that these reports, at a minimum, are required reading for all of the public safety candidates who come through the Viet-Nam Training Center. Additionally, I think the reports are so valuable that I will ask the course chairmen of our Basic, District, and Province Senior Advisory courses to make sure that other types of advisors receive the benefit of the very interesting observations made by Groom and Hurst. As additional items become available, we would appreciate receiving any which have this kind of insight. I am also going to try to locate Howard Groom and Peter Hurst to see if they could possibly talk to some of our students.

As you may know, I spent April in Thailand as a member of John Mano's task force studying the public safety program in Thailand. We saw a lot of Phil Batson, of course, as well as many other former Viet-Nam hands. It was a tough assignment, particularly because we had to prepare an extensive written report before we left Thailand. I don't know if anyone will read it, but it was an honest report which had something in it to displease everybody.

I look forward to our next reunion, whereever that may be, and send best wishes as always.

Sincerely,

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