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Dear Jake:

I am writing concerning Vaughn Stapleton who has rejoined AID, is now taking the Basic Course at VTC and due to arrive in Viet-Nam in the third week of June.

You may recall that Vaughn served with USAID/Rural Affairs from 1960 to 1965, and was the first Regional Representative in III Corps. From 1965-67 he was Provincial Representative in Darlac. He has considerable background in community development, agriculture, and public health. His grade is FSR-4/7.

Stapleton is understandably anxious not to get lost in the shuffle. AID did not enroll him specifically in the PSA program, but he seems fully qualified in that area by past experience. He could also serve usefully in a Saigon Directorate or as a Regional NLD Chief. John Vann knows him and might want him in II Corps. In any case, Stapleton would much appreciate an opportunity to call on you when he arrives in Saigon and discuss his assignment. I lost track of Vaughn after 1964, but recall his excellent reputation in Rural Affairs, on the strength of which I named him Regional Representative in 1964 when I succeeded Rufus Phillips in charge of that operation. If you would talk with Vaughn on his arrival, I am sure a suitable assignment can be worked out.

We saw you all too briefly in Washington but appreciated the opportunity to do so. My second year as Coordinator of VTC will be up in July and who knows what will happen then. Howard Sollenberger has requested that I stay an extra year, but I feel that my usefulness here is declining in direct proportion to the length of my absence from Viet-Nam, and has already reached the vanishing point!

With best regards.

Sincerely,

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