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Mr. Everet Bumgardner  
Office of Deputy COMUSMACV for CORDS  
c/o American Embassy  
Saigon, Viet-Nam

Dear Ev:

With the departure of Mr. Sam, we have lost our last area specialist. The continuing budget squeeze has resulted in our not being able to dig up enough funds to continue this program. You can probably appraise its value as well as we can. It would appear that on balance the students derive more than a little benefit from having a Vietnamese on our staff. Of course, it goes without saying that the personal characteristics of the individual play a large part in how valuable he becomes.

We hesitate to let the project die and would like to ask if you would sound out Colby and Jacobson informally to determine if perhaps the cost of such a program could be picked up from your end. Please advise. According to our records, each three months tour costs approximately \$2,800, and presumably we would have four such area specialists each year to have one individual in residence all the time. We could, of course, operate at a less frequent level as well.

Your departure has certainly left a gap in our staff and we hope you will find an opportunity to let us know how everything is going. We have no plans at the present time to get anyone out there until mid-summer.

Warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Coordinator  
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