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Dear Jake:

I hope this letter reaches you before you leave country and will hasten to get it in the mail. As you know, Jim Smith has been running our PSA course in an outstanding manner for two years. He has already talked to you about reassignment to Viet-Nam, and I feel sure he will do an outstanding job if he went there. At the same time, we have been in touch with Buck Kotzebue who is anxious to replace Jim as Chairman of the PSA Course. Either Jim or Kotzebue would be backed up by LTC Sawyer, formerly of An Xuyen.

The real thrust of this letter is the question of timing. Kotzebue's normal rotation date is September which, with home leave and other delays, would not put him on the job at VTC until December. If Kotzebue's end of tour were foreshortened to June, which I understand is acceptable to him, then we could have him on board towards the end of the summer, releasing Jim Smith for further assignment. Would CORDS agree to release Kotzebue in June? Also, would CORDS accept Jim Smith for some assignment in Viet-Nam somewhat later in the summer? The answers to these questions would be very helpful to us in our planning. Perhaps you can have answers on this when you meet with us here on May 13, which would permit AID to send out the necessary telegrams.

In any case, we look forward very much to seeing you on May 13 and hope this letter will have arrived in time.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

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