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Dear Jake:

This letter concerns the District Senior Advisors Program here at the Viet-Nam Training Center. Last year, Colonel Lorne S. Black, Chairman of the District Course, made arrangements with MACV J-1 to obtain tentative assignments for military DSA's prior to their completion of study at VTC. This system works as follows:

After the start of each new class, J-1 MACV is provided a list of names, availability dates, orders, Form 66, and student area assignment preferences. Tentative assignments are made and received by the student approximately six weeks prior to graduation. This system has been in effect since September 1970. It is understood by the students that the assignments are tentative; however, student response has been overwhelming since it gives them a starting point to conduct detailed research and preparation prior to arrival in Viet-Nam. Even if only 50% of tentative assignments hold true, this is better than no system.

No such arrangements have to date been made to obtain tentative assignments for civilian DSA students. Currently, there are three such students at the school, to wit:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Graduation Date</u>
Folger, John D.	FSO-5	XXXIII	28 May 1971
Scassa, Eugene L.	FSS-6	XXXIII	28 May 1971
Brown, Charles F.	FSO-5	XXXIV	9 July 1971

The purpose of this letter is to inquire whether tentative assignments could be made for these three individuals. This would vastly boost their morale and also enable them to prepare themselves for the provinces in which they will be serving. We would be happy if

your action officer on this matter would correspond directly with Colonel Black so that a continuing system for civilians could be established to parallel the excellent procedures now already in use regarding the military DSA's.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

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